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TOWN OFFICERS, 1902-1903.

Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor and Fence Viewers.

GEORGE A. SHACKFORD, *Chairman.*
WILLIAM I. RUGGLES, *Secretary.*
JOHN F. TURNER.

Assessors.

EDWARD F. PARKER, *Chairman*	Term expires	1905
WILLIAM WALLACE DAVIS, *Sec'y*	" "	1903
JOHN H. ADDEN	" "	1904

Town Clerk.

MILLARD F. CHARLES.

Treasurer.

EDWARD F. PARKER.

Collector of Taxes.

HERBERT M. VIALL.

Auditors.

EDGAR N. HUNT. HARRY L. DANE.
GEORGE H. CLOUGH.

Board of Health.

CALVERT H. PLAYDON, *Chairman*	Term expires	1903
FRED D. MERRILL, *Secretary*	" "	1905
GEORGE L. FLINT,	" "	1904

School Committee.

WALTER S. PARKER, *Chairman*	Term expires	1905
GILMAN L. PARKER, *Secretary*	" "	1903
MRS. ELLEN M. BANCROFT	" "	1903
HORACE G. WADLIN	" "	1905
MARY L. NESMITH	" "	1904
HENRY C. PARKER	" "	1904

MELVILLE A. STONE, *Superintendent of Schools.*

Water Commissioners.

HENRY R. JOHNSON, *Chairman*	Term expires	1904
EDWARD B. DRAKE, *Secretary*	" "	1903
E. HARLEY GOWING	" "	1905

Municipal Light Board.

WM. S. KINSLEY, *Chairman*	Term expires	1903
CHARLES W. LEE, *Secretary.*	" "	1904
GEORGE L. FLINT	" "	1905

Trustees of Public Library.

HORACE G. WADLIN, *Chairman*	Term expires	1904
CYRUS M. BARROWS, *Secretary*	" "	1905
FREDERICK E. WHITTEMORE	" "	1905
HARLEY PRENTISS	" "	1903
HENRY G. KITTREDGE	" "	1903
J. WOODWARD MANNING	" "	1904

Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery.

GALEN A. PARKER, *Chairman* . .	Term expires		1905
WILLIE E. TWOMBLY	"	"	1905
ALFRED W. DANFORTH, *Supt. and Sec'y*	"	"	1903
ALDEN BATCHELDER	"	"	1904
EDWARD F. BROOKS (died June 9, 1902)	"	"	1904
HENRY T. LEAVIS	"	"	1903

Registrars.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, *Clerk.*

OWEN McKENNEY. WALTER S. PRENTISS.

WALTER M. SCOTT.

Engineers of Fire Department.

FRANK G. NICHOLS, *Chief.*

GEORGE L. PRATT, *Clerk.*

ORVILLE O. ORDWAY.

Superintendent of Fire Alarm.

L. T. EAMES.

Forest Firewards.

ASA PARKER, *Chairman.*

ALBION G. NICHOLS. WILLARD A. BANCROFT.

GEORGE LAMPRO. JASON ZWICKER, *Secretary.*

Constables.

FRED. D. MERRILL. HENRY STOCK.

Police.

FRED. D. MERRILL, *Chief, and Keeper of the Lock-up.*
J. HENRY ORR.
WM. H. MANNING.

Specials.

SAMUEL BROWN.
CHESTER W. McDOUGAL.
JEREMIAH CULLINANE.
JOHN STOCK.
ASA PARKER.
EVERETT C. CLOUDMAN.
EUGENE L. LOVEJOY.
JASON ZWICKER.
FRANK S. VERMILLE.

Superintendent of Streets.

ARTHUR G. EMERSON.

Keeper of Town Home.

JOHN F. BURNHAM.

Inspector of Plumbing.

GREENLEAF S. TUKEY.

Inspector of Animals, Slaughter Houses, Meats and Provisions.

CALVERT H. PLAYDON, M. D. V.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

FRANK W. PARKER.

Burial Agent of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors.

EPHRAIM WIGHT.

Tree Warden.

A. CHANDLER MANNING.

Finance Committee.

M. F. CHARLES, *Secretary*	Term expires Dec. 31, 1904
G. A. PARKER	" " " " "
M. A. STONE	" " " " "
E. L. LOVEJOY	" " " " "
SOLON BANCROFT	" " " " "
H. E. McINTIRE	" " Dec. 31, 1903
JOHN CONNELLY	" " " " "
GEO. W. BEASLEY	" " " " "
JOS. S. TEMPLE	" " " " "
F. W. B. PRATT	" " " " "
JACOB MITCHELL, *Chairman*	" " Dec. 31, 1902
ALDEN BATCHELDER	" " " " "
F. E. CRAFTS	" " " " "
H. P. BOSSON	" " " " "
F. M. SMITH	" " " " "

Measurers of Wood and Bark.

JAMES A. BANCROFT. CHARLES WAKEFIELD.
CALVIN L. MARTIN. WENDELL BANCROFT.
FRED'K WALLACE.

Surveyors of Lumber.

JAMES A. BANCROFT. SAMUEL BROWN.
WENDELL BANCROFT. JOSEPH W. KILLAM.
ORA L. MILBURY. BURTON K. SYMONDS.

Weighers of Coal and Hay.

CHAS. W. LEE.
FRED M. PLATTS.
IRVING BANCROFT.
M. J. DALEY.
JOHN McKILLOP.
WENDELL BANCROFT.
CALVIN L. MARTIN.
FREEMAN KELSO.
LUKE McKENNEY.
WM. WHITE.
WM. WELCH.
WM. BUCANNON.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1902.

Jan.	1	Leander Holden Poor	M	Howard W. and Edith J. Poor	Schoolmaster
"	2	Joseph Lawrence Doucette	M	James and Mary Doucette	Shoemaker
"	3	James Warren Killam, Jr.	M	James Warren and Gertrude Killam	Civil Engineer
"	5	Herbert A. Nickerson	M	Isaac W. & Sarah J. Nickerson	Tea Agent
"	12	Eva Margaret Clement	F	Frank E. and Annie Clement	Fireman
"	25	Jennie Evangeline Mansfield	F	Aldis E. & Josephine M. Mansfield	Piano Maker
"	29	Henry Albert Castine	M	Peter and Mary Ann Castine	Iceman
"	31	Ida May Frotton	F	Ambrose and Terese Frotton	Gardener
Feb.	6	———— Rogers	M	Charles E. and Ella M. Rogers	Lineman
"	15	Edwin Harris	M	Christopher & Martha E. Harris	Tinsmith
"	17	Elsie May Butters	F	Frank A. and Mabel Butters	Carpenter
"	19	——— Ambler	M	Harry W. and Mary G. Ambler	Fireman
"	19	Edwin Ellsworth Peabody	M	Erlin C. and Ella Peabody	Mechanic
"	23	Grace Lillian Doucette	F	Joseph and Jessie Doucette	Barber
"	24	Katherine Desmond	F	Daniel and Nora Desmond	Gardener
Mar.	1	George Donald Fife	M	Charles T. and Cynthia A. Fife	Plumber
"	5	Richard Clark Buck	M	William C. and Sallie F. Buck	Clerk
"	13	John Walter Doucette	M	Alexander C. & Rose M. Doucette	Stone Mason
"	16	Daniel Edward Goodwin	M	David A. and Mary C. Goodwin	Woodworker
"	18	———— Dulong	M	Peter R. and Rose Dulong	Machinist
"	23	Mary Lottie Babine	F	Mary Babine	
"	25	Oreste Ugo Marchette	M	Luigi and Carolina Marchette	Rubber Worker
"	27	Marion Cummings Sparhawk	F	Nathaniel A. & Mabel S. Sparhawk	Clerk
"	29	Ethel Elizabeth Pendergrace	F	Thomas & Elizabeth Pendergrace	Grocery Clerk
Apr.	4	Florence Mabel Porter	F	Lourie F. and Maggie Porter	Carpenter
"	6	Edith May White	F	Lizzie White	
"	17	Jesse Earl Kimball	M	Herbert R. & Carrie L. Kimball	Travel. Salesman
"	18	Elliott Dana Southwell	M	R. Dana and Emily Southwell	Buyer
"	18	Clayton Small Moses	M	Charles E. and Annie B. Moses	Bookkeeper
May	3	Henry Hugh Bosquet	M	Albert E. and Agnes Bosquet	Laundry
"	7	Harry Scanlon	M	James and Christine Scanlon	Stableman
"	15	Ralph Michelini	M	Antonio and Annie F. Michelini	Contractor
"	24	Lawrence Edward Hogan	M	James J. and Lillie Hogan	Plumber
"	30	Alvian Edmund Metcalf	M	Edmund C. and Hattie A. Metcalf	Merchant
June	11	Edith Elizabeth Sylvester	F	Fred L. and Addie M. Sylvester	Pattern Maker
"	17	Mildred Smith	F	Merritt J. and Lillian V. Smith	Milkman

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June	22	—— —— Peavey	M	Hermon R. and Ethel M. Peavey	Clerk
"	30	Eva Louise Doucette	F	John and Vitaline Doucette	Laborer
July	12	William Theodore Thorborn	M	George J. & Isabel H. Thorborn	Jeweler
"	14	Doris Madeline Hill	F	Louis G. and Hattie E. Hill	Leather
"	15	Marian Preston MacDougall	F	Chester W. and Nettie L. MacDougall	Plumber
"	22	Mildred Ferrick	F	James and Margaret Ferrick	Laborer
"	26	Mary Helen Cummings	F	Dennis F. & Mary E. Cummings	Box Maker
Aug.	1	Amy Elizabeth Lampro	F	George and Margaret Lampro	Contractor
"	6	Isabel Marguerite Whall	F	Richard A. and Grace Whall	Rubber Worker
"	9	Anna Vivian Calnan	F	William and Julia Calnan	Carrier
"	11	John Aldrich Dow	M	George F. and Gertrude Dow	Physician
"	13	Annie Catherine Muse	F	Norman and Agnes Muse	Laborer
"	19	Lawrence Applebee Copeland	M	Edward E. and Addie M. Copeland	Dentist
"	20	Louise Hunnewell	F	Frank S. and Louise Hunnewell	Minister
"	23	Milton Alfred Saunders	M	John Wm. and Lillian Saunders	Carpenter
"	30	Timothy Spillane	M	Timothy and Mary Spillane	R. R. Laborer
"	30	Bertha Viola Cail	F	Frederick W. and Mary E. Cail	Foreman
Sept.	2	Peter Joseph Tahey	M	Michael and Bridget A. Tahey	Night Watchman
"	3	Arthur Allen Libby	M	Arthur A. & Florence A. Libby	Dentist
Oct.	7	Gertrude Kenyon Marshall	F	Joseph E. and Florence Marshall	Wool Dealer
"	8	John Joseph McKenney	M	Luke and Teresa M. McKenney	Iceman
"	10	John Forman Dulong	M	John R. and Mary Dulong	Stone Mason
"	17	Roger Wallis Stevens	M	Frank W. and Sarah C. Stevens	Advertiser
"	20	Russell Earl Robertson	M	James R. and Jessie Robertson	Farmer
"	20	Herbert William Knight	M	Eugene F. and Emma L. Knight	Brakeman
"	21	James Cornelius Denehey	M	John E. and Annie K. Denehey	Insurance
"	22	Gladys Beatrice Fielding	F	Lester O. and Addie E. Fielding	Laborer
"	26	Peter Edward White	M	Peter and Ada White	Laborer
"	26	Genevieve Quinlan	F	Michael S. and Mary E. Quinlan	Furniture Dealer
Nov.	6	Muriel Chislet Litchfield	F	Emil C. and Etta B. Litchfield	Grocery Clerk
"	14	Myrtle Lillian Morse	F	Merton C. and Lillian Morse	Steamfitter
"	15	Francis Bosworth Parsons	M	Frank W. and Cora E. Parsons	Foreman
"	17	Philip Wadsworth Benton	M	Albion J. and Lena M. Benton	Brakeman
"	20	Thomas Ganley	M	James and Sarah Ganley	Gardener
"	25	Esther Dorothy Merrill	F	F. Elverton and Inez P. Merrill	Bookkeeper
"	28	Laura Virginia Wakeman	F	William W. and Lucia J. Wakeman	Clergyman
Dec.	6	Katherine Richards	F	James and Margaret Richards	Farmer
"	12	William Andrew Herbolzheimer	M	Christ and Paulina Herbolzheimer	O'g'n-pipe maker
"	20	Fred Wayland Nelson	M	Cyrus W. and Emma S. Nelson	Farmer
"	23	Carl Roosevelt Staples	M	Benjamin M. & Grace M. Staples	Brakeman
"	29	Margaret McLeod	F	John H. & Blanche M. McLeod	Carriage trimmer
1900					
Oct.	1	Clinton Fred Emmons	M	Walter F. and Ruby R. Emmons	Restuarant
1901					
Mar.	3	Harold Franklin Tibbetts	M	George F. & Blanche A. Tibbetts	Grocer's Clerk

Whole number of births, 77; Males, 44; Females, 33. Nativity of parents: United States fathers, 49; foreign fathers, 26; United States mothers, 44; foreign mothers, 33.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1902.

DATE.	NAME OF BRIDE AND GROOM.	AGE.	OCCUPATION.	BIRTHPLACE.	NAME OF PARENTS.	BY WHOM MARRIED.
Jan. 1.	Samuel Cook Young	59	Shoe Repairer	Reading, Mass.	Benjamin Young and Elizabeth Cook	William Walter Wakeman, Min. of Gospel,9 Kingston st., Reading
	Lizzie Maria Trow	43	Dressmaker	Lowell, Mass.	Thomas C. Trow and Elizabeth Morton	
" 3.	Truman H. Judson	29	Electrician	Woodbury, Conn.	Albert N. Judson and Fannie M. Minor	W. P. McElween, Clergyman 178 W. Brookline St., Boston
	Barbara Pratt	21	Waitress	Pownal, P. E. I.	James Pratt and Annie C. McLeod	
" 8.	Ernest Cushman Beale	28	Salesman	Denver, Colo.	Charles L. Beale and Matilda C. Potter	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman Reading
	Annie Isabel Poore	28	Cashier	Tewksbury, Mass.	Washington L. Poore and Susan R.Saunders	
" 25.	Harry A. Tolman	26	Motorman	Dana, Mass.	Henry L. Tolman and Sarah J. Whipple	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman Reading
	Edith S. Eaton	26	At Home	North Reading, Mass.	Walter D. Eaton and Anna D. Chandler	
Feb. 6.	Irwin W. Green	27	Conductor	Stoneham, Mass.	Samuel N. Green and Eliza Edmands	N. R. Everts, Minister of the Gospel, Wakefield
	Stella M. Goodhue	18	Vamper	Wakefield, Mass.	Charles B. Goodhue and Mary L. Carey	
" 10.	Alexander Downes	22	Shoeworker	Wakefield, Mass.	Patrick Downes and Catherine L. Atkinson	Rev. Wm. T. O'Connor, Ass't Rector, 147 Albion St., Wakefield
	Frances Malonson	20	Shoe Stitcher	Yarmouth, N. S.	Isaac Malonson and Julia Hubbard	
" 17.	Henry Ward Bryden	22	Florist	North Reading, Mass.	William Bryden and Lydia Milbery	J. J. Wooley, Clergyman Pawtucket, R. I.
	Edith Mabel Fillmore	22		New Brunswick.	Edward Fillmore and Annie McCarthy	
" 19.	Edward Augustus Prichard	34	Clerk	Boston, Mass.	Augustus D. Prichard and Amanda E. Vose	R. Perry Bush, Clergyman 77 Bellingham St., Chelsea
	Inez Cecelia Stevens	25		Jonesport, Maine.	Charles G. Stevens and Sylvia A. Woodward	
" 23.	Arthur Eugene Morton	24	Bicycle Man'facturer	West Holland, Vt.	Solomon Morton and Mary Jane Stewart	H. D. Stevens,Unitarian Minister Reading
	Emeline Frances Merrill	24	Bookkeeper	Woburn, Mass.	Frederick D. Merrill and Emma F. Stevens	
Mar. 5.	Elmer D. Jones	20	Express Driver	Reading, Mass.	J. Dexter Jones and Julia E. Haley	Henry Powers,Unitari'n Minister 24 Bulfinch St., Boston
	Helen A. Lefavre	19	At Home	Woburn, Mass.	David Lefavre and Julia Burke	
" 6.	Frederick Osten Newth	24	Painter	Nova Scotia.	Frederick A. Newth and Sophie Hersey	Henry E. Hodge, Pastor Baptist Church, Winchester
	Susie Jane Jewett	20	At Home	New Brunswick.	Henry O Jewett and Mary J. Haines	
" 20.	George A. Stratton	55	Clergyman	New York, N. Y.	Asa B. Stratton and Martha Everton	Josiah H. Tilden, Clergyman Reading
	Nellie May Haven	43	Housewife	Boston, Mass.	Edward Haven and Mary Brown	
April 8.	Arthur E. Stone	23	Receiver	Wakefield, Mass.	Orren Stone and Ellen M. Cozzens	H. D. Stevens,Unitarian Minister Reading
	Estella L. Harris	23	At Home	Lapeer, N. Y.	Elmer D. Harris and Mary J. Geer	
" 8.	Joseph Candlin	63	Clergyman	England.	George Candlin and Elizabeth Wright	William B. Toulmin, Clergyman 292 Clifton St., Malden
	Alice L. Pike	50	Housekeeper	Orange, Vt.	Alvin N. Pike and Helen M. Davis	
" 15.	Edwin R Sheak, Jr.	25	Buyer	Blackhawk, Colo.	Edwin R. Sheak and Jennie Rattick	William Walter Wakeman Clergyman, Reading
	Edith M. Dow	25	At Home	Reading, Mass.	John O. Dow and Frances Phelps	
" 16.	Herbert L. Hill	27	Clerk	Scarboro, Maine	Charles H. Hill and Fannie I. McKay	James F. Albion. Minister of the Gospel, Malden
	Bertha E. Danforth	27	Clerk	Reading, Mass.	Alfred W. Danforth and Alice A. Eaton	
" 17.	Henry H. Howard	60	Real Estate	Leeds, Maine.	Barnabas Howard and Eunice Gould	Edw. C. Porter, Minister of the Gospel, Watertown
	Louise L. Savery	41	Bookkeeper	Bourne, Mass.	Levi S. Savery and Mary E. Burgess	
" 22.	John Doucette	44	Laborer	Nova Scotia.	Michael Doucette and Hilda Muse	Josiah H. Tilton, Clergyman Reading
	Hattie Carthay	21	Housework	Nova Scotia.	Henry Carthay and Mary Frotton	
" 28.	Fred S. Boardman	23	Baker	Charlestown, Mass.	Ambrose A. Boardman and Belle Frizzell	William Walter Wakeman Clergyman, Reading
	Bertha M. Anderson	18	At Home	Boston, Mass.	Henry Anderson and Emma J. McCabe	
" 29.	George S. Martin	29	Foreman	New Brunswick.	Gilbert Martin and Betsey Myers	William Walter Wakeman Clergyman, Reading
	Gertrude Mabel Dockendorf [Hunt	23	Bookkeeper	Dorchester, Mass.	William O Dockendorf and Lydia A. Inman	

Apr. 30.	Robert Harford Mansur	36	Contracting Agent	Mobile, Alabama.	Thomas Mansur and Elizabeth Harford	H. D. Stevens, Unitarian Minister	Reading
	Grace Appleton Beecher	28	Trained Nurse	Reading, Mass.	David U. Beecher and Eliza L. Janes	Robert Herter, Justice of Peace	15 Catawba St., Boston
May 10.	Lonis Tichnor	23	Printer	Boston, Mass.	Morris Tichnor and Dora Wies	H. A. Mitchell, Clergyman	Everett
	Grace F. Day	20	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Arthur B. Day and Nellie Beard	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman	Reading
" 17.	Harry Bennett	22	Fireman	Warwick, R. I.	Asa Bennett and Juliette Colburn	Thomas W. Illman, Minister	Wakefield
	Eva A. Leet	25	Milliner	Danville, Quebec.	Hiram Leet and Mary Dickey	William Walter Wakeman	Clergyman, Reading
" 27.	Samuel Cheetham	34	Machinist	Lawrence, Mass.	John Cheetham and Ellen Downing	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman	Reading
	Lena C. Ghen	26	Shoe Operative	Easton, Mass.	Norman Ghen and Eleanor Sisson	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman	Reading
June 3.	Carleton Hall Prescott	21	Reed Voicer	Boston, Mass.	George H. Prescott and Julia E. Hall	Millard F. Johnson, Minister of	Gospel, Nashua, N. H.
	Florence Charlina Young	20	At Home	Milford, Mass.	Charles W. F. Young and Mary E. Hine	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman	Reading
" 4.	Charles E. Langdon	25	Clerk	Meredith, N. H.	Aaron Langdon and Mary E. Cotton	H. D. Stevens, Unitarian Minister	Reading
	Mabel V. Trask	27	At Home	Yarmouth, N. S.	Jacob F. Trask and Sarah Ellenwood	Edward J. Holland, Justice of	Peace, 41 Church St., Boston
" 12.	Leroy Whitney Todd	28	Commissi'n Merch'nt	Owosso, Mich.	Albert S. Todd and Mary Irene Gould	Edward P. Smith, Clergyman	Stoneham
	Annie Augusta Dewey	28	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Francis H. Dewey and Augusta Hawes	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman	Reading
" 25.	William Hauck	28	Civil Engineer	Watertown, Mass.	William Hauck and Jane Robertson	Charles H. Learoyd, Rector	Wakefield
	Marion Cleveland Peabody	27	Teacher	Omaha, Nebraska.	William L. Peabody and Mary C. Hewes	William Walter Wakeman	Clergyman, Reading
July 3.	George O. Kent		Electrician	New York, N. Y.		Frank S. Hunnewell, Clergyman	Reading
	Anna E. Wiechman		At Home	Newburyport, Mass.	Ira D. Mooney and Blanche B. Boston	H. D. Stevens, Unitarian Minister	Reading
" 8.	Walter C. Mooney	26	Salesman	Reading, Mass.	John H. Knight and Gertrude Bloomer	Edward J. Holland, Justice of	Peace, 41 Church St., Boston
	Gertrude Belle Knight	24	At Home	North Reading, Mass.	Eben Gowing and Martha J. Green	Edward P. Smith, Clergyman	Stoneham
" 9.	Charles L. Gowing	23	House Painter	East Boston, Mass.	Clement Gleason and Abby Damon	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman	Reading
	Ethel D. Gleason	23	Necktie Maker	Enfield, N. H.	Stephen Hadley and Myra Biathrow	Charles H. Learoyd, Rector	Wakefield
" 21.	William S. Hadley	22	Box Maker	Somerville, Mass.	Frank D. Woodbridge and Annette C. Neiss	William Walter Wakeman	Clergyman, Reading
	Florence Woodbridge	20	Bookkeeper	Reading, Mass.	Albert J. Bancroft and Sarah J. Mason	Frank S. Hunnewell, Clergyman	Reading
Aug. 13.	Wendell I. Bancroft	26	Teamster	Bath, Maine.	James D. Lombard and Ella J. Bailey	Samuel W. Crowthers, Minister	of the Gospel, Cambridge
	Carrie Ella Lombard	23	Box Maker	Whiting, Maine.	Webster S. Crane and Abbie Potter	Joseph M. Hobbs, Clergyman	Providence, R. I.
" 16.	Victor F. Crane	22	Carriage Painter	Danvers, Mass.	Malcolm Sillars and Sarah E. McDermott	Azro A. Smith, Clergyman	Reading
	Mary E. Sillars	22	At Home	Yarmouth, N. S.	John S. Ellenwood and Almira Pemberton	J. A. Crowley, Clergyman	Wakefield
" 20.	Louis Ellenwood	37	Carpenter	Westford, Vt.	Horace M. Barrett and Helen M. Stanley	William Walter Wakeman	Clergyman, Reading
	Eva M. Barrett	37	At Home	Cambridge, Mass.	George F. Rand and Gertrude M. Thompson	Frank S. Hunnewell, Clergyman	Reading
S'pt. 16.	Ernest L. Rand	23	Student	Topsham, Vt.	Seth Emerson and Ida E. Butler	Samuel W. Crowthers, Minister	of the Gospel, Cambridge
	Myrtle Mae Emerson	21	Student	Boston, Mass.	Alexander S. Bloom and Caroline F. Kelley	Joseph M. Hobbs, Clergyman	Providence, R. I.
" 17.	George A. Bloom	27	Bookkeeper	Boston, Mass.	John B. Walters and Mary C. Livingston	Azro A. Smith, Clergyman	Reading
	Annie R. Walters	27	At Home	Tunkhannock, Pa.	Orrin D. Stebbins and Catherine Heisley	J. A. Crowley, Clergyman	Wakefield
" 23.	Charles Liv'gst'n Stebbins	26	Book Publisher	Rowley, Mass.	Charles W. Hodgkins and Edna B. Richards	William Walter Wakeman	Clergyman, Reading
	Edna Willett Hodgkins	27	At Home	Boston, Mass.	Samuel Spyree and Emily S. Hooke		
" 25.	Samuel E. F. Spyree	29		Boston, Mass.	James D. Morrison and Elizabeth M. Stevens		
	Minnie Elizabeth Morrison	34		Charlestown, Mass.	Charles M. Barstow and Jennie Curtis		
" 29.	Edward D. Barstow	43	Shipping Clerk	Danbury, N. H.	Hiram C. Norris and Susan Chase		
	Grace H. Norris	30	At Home	Tusket Falls, N. S.	Louis R. Frotton and Elizabeth LeFave		
" 29.	Simeon Frotton	41	Laborer	Tusket Falls, N. S.	David Doucette and Eunice Muse		
	Mary J. Doucette	43	Servant	Sutton, Vt.	Stephen Switser and Lavinia Berry		
Oct. 8.	William H. Switser	30	Farmer	Stockholm, Sweden.	Charles A. Frid and Vanda Stewchlon		
	Tilda E. Frid	21	At Home	Nova Scotia.	Leonard Sanford and Ellen Greenough		
" 8.	Walter E. Sanford	27	Farmer	Boxford, Mass.	John Sias and Mary Gerry		
	Mary E. Sias	17	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Richard B. Nichols Josephine A. Coggswell		
" 14.	Richard H. Nichols	29	Plumber	Canterbury, N. H.	B. T. Hileman and Florence E. Foster		
	Ella B. Huckins	35	At Home				

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1902.

DATE.	NAME OF BRIDE AND GROOM.	AGE.	OCCUPATION.	BIRTHPLACE.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	BY WHOM MARRIED.
Oct. 15.	Harry E. Jones	26	Motorman	North Reading, Mass.	Wm. H. Jones and Augusta Taylor	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman Reading
	Alice M. Horne	29	At Home	Rochester, N. H.	Charles A. Horne and Christine Varney	
" 18.	John E Waden	27	Steam Fitter	Nova Scotia.	William Waden and Mary L. White	H. D. Stevens, Unitarian Minister Reading
	Mary L. White	25	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Joshua White and Mary A. Doucette	
" 19.	John Jerome Doucette	26	Shoemaker	Wakefield, Mass.	Dominique Doucette and Julia Frotton	Henri de La Chapelle, Priest 25 Isabella St., Boston
	Mary L. Magras	27	At Home	Charlestown, Mass.	John V. Magras and Mary E. Riley	
" 21.	Harvey Shaw Crocker	26	Bookkeeper	Wareham, Mass.	Harvey Crocker and Sarah Shaw Bumps	George J. Sanger, Clergyman Danvers
	Lucia Lillian Temple	25	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Joseph S. Temple and Lucia M. Kingman	
" 22.	Albert E. Poore	26	Manufacturer	Tewksbury, Mass.	Washington L. Poore and Susan R. Saunders	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman Reading
	Grace E. Skillens	21	Teacher	Everett, Mass.	Francis J. Skillens and Effie J. Batchelder	
Nov. 16.	Ernest Hill	21	Upholsterer	Nova Scotia.	Joseph Hill and Margaret Muse	Rev. Wm. I. O'Connor Ass't Rector, Wakefield
	Mary Collins	21	Domestic	Nova Scotia.	Marshall Collins and Rose Muse	
" 20.	George Andrew Walker	32	Shoe Manufacturer	Andover, Mass.	John Walker and Annie Smart	George H. Bates, Clergyman New Bedford
	Mary Russell Deane	22	At Home	Middleboro, Mass.	George R. Deane and Annie J. Jones	
" 26.	Coleman E. Shaw	55	Painter & Decorator	Yarmouth, N. S.	Zabina Shaw and Danzilla Earle	F. K. Stratton, Clergyman Wakefield
	Sarah Chisholm	43	At Home	Antigonish, N. S.	Alexander Chisholm and Catherine Hunter	
" 28.	George A. Stowers	21	Salesman	Franklin, Mass.	Herbert M. Stowers and Elizabeth E. King	William Walter Wakeman Minister of the Gospel, Reading
	Bessie O. Allen	18	Operative	Methuen, Mass.	George H. Allen and Jeanette Tufts	
Dec. 1.	Wm. Bernard Loring	49	Poultryman	Reading, Mass.	Gustavus Loring and Mary Ellen Stevens	Thomas W. Illman, Minister 9 Chestnut St., Wakefield
	Marie Louise Rollins Cottle	49	Housekeeper	Charlestown, Mass.	Abishai Cottle and Maria A. Berry	
" 1.	Smith Brown	64	Watchman	Nova Scotia.	Benjamin Brown and Mary Lake	George S. Chadbourne, Clergyman, Malden
	Ella Bigelow	44	Domestic	E. Cambridge, Mass.	Thomas Lynch and Ella Colburt	
" 10.	Frank B. Harmon	29	Clerk	Meredith Vil'ge, N.H.	John H. Harmon and Annie R. Goodhue	William Walter Wakeman Minister of the Gospel, Reading
	Eveline C. Frazier	23	At Home	Concord, N. H.	Loren D. Frazier and Julia A. Brown	
" 17.	William R. Borthwick	19	Furniture Mover	Wakefield, Mass.	James W. Borthwick and Mary J. McKinley	Josiah H. Tilton, Clergyman Reading
	Etta E. Skidmore	18	Housework	Parsboro, N. S.	George E. Skidmore and Jennette Kelso	
" 18.	Frank E. Swain	19	Brakeman	Wilmington, Mass.	James H. Swain and Catherine R. Tucker	Joseph Candlin, Methodist Clergyman, Reading
	Ethelyn A. Smith	20	Stenographer	Reading, Mass.	Benjamin Y. Smith and Mary F. Hutchins	
" 24.	Charles Frederick Jones	57	Printing Business	Mason, N. H.	Frederick Jones and Martha Estabrooke	Everett C. Herrick, Clergyman, 39 High St., Charlestown
	Olena Anna Wakefield	59	Teacher	Reading, Mass.	John Wakefield and Sarah Parker	
" 26.	Fletcher Beach Holmes	25	Chemist	Melrose, Mass.	William Holmes and Mary E. Beach	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman, Reading
	Ruby Anabel Stone	24	At Home	Guilford, Conn.	Melville A. Stone and Catherine M. Deming	
" 31.	Freder'k Lionel Springford	26	Clerk	Everett, Mass.	Frederick Springford and Marion Fletcher	William Waldo Wakeman Clergyman, Reading
	Mabel Francena Temple	29	At Home	Reading, Mass.	William H. Temple and Ruth Ann Welds	
" 31.	Frank Elmer Edwards	21	Machinist	Lowell, Mass.	Geo. H. Edwards and Mabel Ross Carpenter	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman, Reading
	Abbie Dow	26	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Stillson H. Dow and Hannah Merrill	
1902						
July 7.	John Dick DeRonde	22	Cabinet Maker	Arnheim, Holland.	Martin J. DeRonde & Elizabeth J. Hageman	Edward W. Eaton, Clergyman Wakefield
	Eliza Woods	20	At Home	New York, N. Y.	James Woods and Marcella Farrell	

Whole number of marriages, 62. Nativity of persons married, born in the United States, 100; Males, 51; Females, 49. Foreign born, 22; Males, 9; Females, 13. First marriage of 48 Males; 56 Females; Second marriage, 13 Males; 6 Females, Third marriage, 1 Male. Age: Number of persons under twenty, 8; twenty to thirty, 84; thirty to forty, 10; forty to fifty, 11; fifty to sixty, 6; sixty to seventy, 3.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1902.

Date.	Name.	Age.			Name of Parents or Husband	Disease or Cause of Death.
Jan. 2	George Rice Turner	83	7	25	John R. and Elizabeth T. Turner	Arteris Sclerosis
" 7	Mary A. Nickerson	10	11	27	Charles F. and Kate C. Nickerson	Pericarditis
" 17	Nina Ellen Eames	40	6	—	Charles B. Eames	Hemorrhage
" 26	Amie Whiting Damon	46	4	26	Charles E. Damon	Valvular Disease of Heart
Feb. 8	Betsey Putnam	85	7	26	George and Betsey B. Putnam	Multiple Burns of Body
" 9	Harry L. Fielding	10	9	25	Lester J. and Addie E. Fielding	Cerebral Hemorrhage
" 19	Ambler	—	—	—	Harvey W. and Mary G. Ambler	Stillborn
" 27	Charles Cummings Green	70	11	23	Phineas and Clarissa Green	Apoplexy
Mar. 2	William Alfred Packer	8	5	0	Eugene C. and Hattie A. Packer	Measles, Broncho Pneumonia
" 3	Alice Needham Goodwin	2	8	20	David A. and Mary C. Goodwin	Tubercular Meningetes
" 15	William Carney, Jr.	4	9	13	William and Margaret Carney	Pneumonia
" 16	Agnes M. Kezer	55	0	25	Fred A. Kezer	Cancer
" 18	Dulong	—	—	—	Peter R. Dulong	Stillborn
" 21	James Dewhurst	68	2	0	William and Hannah Dewhurst	Brights Disease
" 23	Lydia McArthur	79	8	0	William S. and Mary E. Temple	Fractural Hip
" 23	Hazel Pearl Bryant	31	11	23	Charles F. and Minnie A. Bryant	Measles
Apr. 2	Reuben Arthur Muse	23	6	9	John and Sylve Muse	Tuberculosis
" 10	Sophronia Stockbridge	52	3	3	Thomas Stockbridge	Cancer
" 13	Caroline Frances Bloom	56	5	26	Alexander Bloom	Thoracic Aneurism
" 17	Adaline Nichols	79	3	27	A. Gould Nichols	Cerebral Hemorrhage
" 20	Daniel Ford Pratt	78	8	13	Daniel and Delia B. Pratt	Cerebral Hemorrhage
" 23	Oscar T. Littlefield	56	2	15	Tristam and Mary D. Littlefield	Cerebral Softening
" 24	Florence May Stratton	2	4	28	Charles E. and Carrie S. Stratton	Multiple Burns of Body
" 27	William Terry Bryden	73	4	28	William and Mary W. Bryden	Embolism
May 15	Kent	—	—	—	Frank H. and Frances N. Kent	Stillborn
" 19	Charles Everett Flint	64	2	12	Amos and Salina Bailey Flint	Pneumonia
June 4	Walter Gates	53	7	20	Frank and Jane Ward Gates	Cancer of Stomach
" 7	Charles Russell Haag	6	9	26	Charles J. and Sarah McPhee Haag	Railroad Accident
" 7	Clarence Leo Haag	5	3	2	Charles J. and Sarah McPhee Haag	Railroad Accident
" 9	Edward F. Brooks	51	2	27	William and Elizabeth Brown Brooks	Railroad Accident
" 11	Nathan Bancroft	79	11	13	Timothy and Rhoda Emerson Bancroft	Gastritus
" 17	Martha C. Flanders	45	2	11	Benjamin F. Flanders	Pneumonia
" 19	John Walter Doucette	0	3	6	Alex and Rose Muse Doucette	Capillary Bronchitis
" 22	Peavey	—	—	—	Herman R. and Ethel M. Peavey	Stillborn
" 29	Ralph P. E. Thatcher	75	9	22	Stephen and Harriet Preble Thacher	Phthisis
July 10	Eaton	0	0	7	Irvin C. and Julia E. Keefe Eaton	Infantile Colic
" 17	Isaac W. Ray	44	0	0	Hugh and Eliza Ray	General Paralysis
" 19	Ellen A. Parker	66	1	19	Clarkson Parker	Heart Disease
" 27	Emerson Smith	78	0	0	Jeremiah and Lucretia Maddox Smith	Cerebral Hemorrhage
" 27	Albert Nichols	82	4	2	Edmund and Bethia Nichols	Chronic Nephritis
Aug. 1	Frederick H. Miller	71	10	10	John and Henrietta Miller	Prostatis Hyperterphy

Aug.	19	Hazel E. DeRonde	0	5	21	Martin J. and Emma R. DeRonde	Marasmus
"	25	Abigail Eaton Prescott	80	7	3	Joshua and Abigail Eaton Prescott	Bronchitis Senility
"	31	Jeremiah Doucette	47	0	16	Cassimere and Doucette	Intestinal Rupture
"	31	Ida B. Lombard	40	2	1	Frank Lombard	General Peritonitis
Sept.	6	Bridget McKenney	69	0	0	Owen McKenney	Cerebral Hemorrhage
"	6	Thomas W. H. Hussey	66	3	7	Thomas and Susan Hale Hussey	Cerebral Hemorrhage
"	6	George B. Mitchell	68	10	23	John and Elizabeth Burnell Mitchell	Chronic Nephritis
"	19	Ellen Wall	73	9	0	Thomas Wall	Myocarditis Bronchitis
"	19	Etta A. Austin	51	9	4	Oliver W. Austin	Embolism
"	27	John A. Grady	48	0	0	Thomas and Ellen Grady	Heart-failure
"	28	Jennie L. Dinsmore	18	9	0	Arthur W. and Annie Dinsmore	Phthisis
"	28	Joshua Clark	73	6	7	Thatcher and Lydia Hall Clark	Heart Disease
"	29	Charles G. Tucker, Jr.	11	11	8	Charles G. and Frances (Campbell) Tucker	Electricity
"	30	Theodore F. Gould	56	6	10	Henry A. and Sarah Batchelder Gould	Multiple Neuritis
Oct.	1	Frank Albert White	1	8	4	Peter and Mary A. White	Phthisis Pulmonalis
"	1	Ann Lambert	67	2	1	James H. Lambert	Cerebral Hemorrhage
"	2	Wilhelmina L. Wentworth	23	2	10	Eugene N. Wentworth	Phthisis Pulmonalis
"	12	John O. Dane	81	10	15	Otis Dane	Senility Bronchitis
"	19	Sarah H. McGowan	27	2	3	Alexander and Mary McGowan	Typhoid Fever
"	22	Abby S. Nichols	64	0	0	Edward H. Nichols	Chronic Endo Pluno Oldema
"	24	Phoebe D. Kelley	68	0	0	Peter and Margaret Dnvous	Endocarditis
"	25	Augusta M. Morse	69	4	9	Moses Morse	Pneumonia
"	29	Anna E. W. Kent	29	9	17	George O. Kent	Convulsions
"	29	Mary Jane Weinberg	44	0	0	Moses Biettenheimer and Unknown	Fracture of Skull
"	31	Harriet Newell Foster	69	4	16	Stephen Foster	Peritonitis
Nov.	9	Waldo J. Bessey	43	9	9	Seth and Martha (Nichols) Bessey	Gastro Enteritis
"	11	Frances Phelps Dow	62	11	17	Dr. John O. Dow	Cerebral Hemorrhage
"	23	Everett C. Parker	63	0	13	Cyrus and Elizabeth (Smiley) Parker	Uraemia
Dec.	1	Charles M. Cheney	56	0	0	Eben and Mary (Comstock) Cheney	Heart Disease
"	8	Clara B. Kirkland	29	4	20	A. H. Kirkland	Phthisis Pulmonalis
"	12	Elizabeth W. Marshall	30	0	27	Freeman H. Marshall	Erysipelas
"	12	James A. Ellison	50	9	18	James and Abbie (Randall) Ellison	Pneumonia
"	16	Gladys M. Litchfield	1	9	29	George S. and Cora M. Litchfield	Pneumonia
"	19	William P. Park	49	4	15	Calvin E. and Harriet T. (Pope) Park	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
"	21	Charles E. Harnden	54	3	12	Elbridge and Abbie (Swain) Harnden	Carcinoma of Lung
"	26	Lydia L. Chamberlain	70	9	15	Louis Chamberlain	Cancer
"	31	Sarah R. Newhall	72	5	23	John Newhall	Endocarditis
						RETURNED FOR LAST YEAR.	
Dec.	30	Edward Endicott Chase	16	2	18	Silas P. and Helen W. Chase	Valvular Disease of Heart

Whole number of deaths, 78; males, 42; females, 36. Born in United States, males, 34; females, 30. Foreign born, males, 8; females, 6. Ages less than a year, 7; one to ten years, 8; ten to twenty years, 4; twenty to thirty years, 5; thirty to forty years, 2; forty to fifty years, 10; fifty to sixty years, 11; sixty to seventy, years 13; seventy to eighty years, 13; eighty to ninety years, 5.

DOGS LICENSED IN THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1902.

Whole number licenses issued . . .			248
221 males at $2 each.	$442 00		
31 females at $5 each	155 00		
	$597 00		
Less fees for 248 licenses at 20 cents each .	49 60		
		$547	40
1902, June 1, paid County Treasurer . .	$313 40		
1902, Dec. 1, paid County Treasurer . .	234 00		
		$547	40
Dogs licensed since date of last return, one		$2	00

MILLARD F. CHARLES,
Town Clerk.

Dec. 31, 1902.

Number of dogs as returned by the Assessors to Town Clerk

Males	229
Females	41
Total	270

Number of dogs not returned by Assessors and licensed by me	
Males	24
Females	0
Total dogs reported and licensed	294
Number reported as dead or left town or owned out of town	23
Number that should be licensed	271
Number of dogs licensed	254
Number of dogs not licensed	18
Dec. 31, 1902	
Females unlicensed	5
Males unlicensed	13
Total	18

To the Citizens and Voters of Reading:—

I am not yet fully acquainted with the duties of Town Clerk and errors which I make I hope you will pardon. As the duties of this office are almost wholly of record, I hardly feel like making recommendations, but there is one thing which I think would be of benefit to the public as well as myself. Very frequently I am called on by citizens of Reading as well as other towns to go to the Town Office at all times of the day to give them access to the records, especially of births, marriages and deaths. Now if I could have a safe procured for my office so that I could keep such records so that they would be easy of access and perfectly safe, I think it would be a fine thing for the town and everyone who needs access

to such records. This would relieve the safe, in the Town Office, which is now jointly used by the Selectmen, Treasurer and Town Clerk, of quite a number of books and give the Selectmen and Treasurer more room which they need. I would therefore recommend that a suitable safe be purchased for the Town Clerk's office.

MILLARD F. CHARLES,
Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETINGS IN THE YEAR 1902.

Proceedings of Town Meeting Held Jan. 13th, 1902.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

George L. Flint was chosen Moderator.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will authorize the payment of the sum of $10,495.77 to meet the expenses in connection with the water department, to wit: in settlement of the claim for damages brought by the Ipswich Mills and for incidental counsel fees and expenses, said sum to be provided by the issue of bonds in accordance with the vote of March 4, 1901, and such portions of said amount as have already been advanced on account out of the Town Treasury to be reimbursed thereto from the proceeds of said bonds.

Voted. That the Town do authorize the payment of the sum of $10,495.77 to meet expenses in connection with the Water Department, to wit: in settlement of the claim for damages brought by the Ipswich Mills and for incidental counsel fees and expenses, said sum to be provided by the issue of Bonds in accordance with the vote of March 4, 1901, and such portions of said amount as have already been advanced on account out of the Town Treasury to be reimbursed thereto from the proceeds of said bonds, and the Water Commissioners are hereby instructed to carry out the provisions of this vote.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 482, Acts of 1901, entitled An Act Relative to the Election of Town Clerks and to their duties.

Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Art. 4. To see what instruction the Town will give the Board of Selectmen in relation to the suit of the Middleton Paper Co. vs. the Town of Reading.

Voted. That the matter of the settlement of the suits of the Middleton Paper Co. vs. the Town of Reading be referred to the Board of Selectmen and Water Commissioners with full powers.

Voted to adjourn.

A true copy of record.

Attest: M. F. Charles, Town Clerk.

Proceedings of Annual Town Meeting Held March 3, 1902.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

George L. Flint was chosen Moderator. The following Election Officers were duly appointed and sworn: Ballot Clerks, Wm. H. Perkins and Walter F. Cook. Tellers, Waldo F. Eaton, Charles W. Lee, Chester McDougall, Merrick A. Stone, Robert A. Carter, Bennie F. Flanders, John Connolly, Frank A. Bessom, Otis B. Ruggles, Daniel T. Bickford.

Art. 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Water Commissioners, Municipal Light Board, Engineers of the Fire Department, Trustees of the Cemetery, Trustees of the Public Library, Auditors, Board of Health, Sewerage Committee, Committee on Appropriations, Tree Warden and Special Committees.

Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 3. To bring in their votes on one ballot for Town Clerk, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, one member of Board of Assessors for three years, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, one member of Board of Health for three years, two Constables, one Water Commissioner for three years, one member of the Municipal Light Board for three years, two Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery for three years, two trustees of the Public Library for three years, two members of the School Committee for three years, three Auditors, and Tree Warden for one year; also on same ballot Yes or No in answer to the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Voted to proceed to ballot at 6 o'clock and 15 m. A. M.

Voted to close the polls at 5h. 30m. P. M.

Voted that Town business be taken up at 7.30 P. M.

At 5.30 o'clock P. M. the Polls were declared closed.

The Ballots were sorted, counted and declared in open Town Meeting.

The Ballot Box registered at opening of the Polls .	0000
The Ballot Box registered at close of Polls . .	1970
Number of names checked as having voted by Ballot Clerks	926
Number of names checked as having voted by Tellers	926
Number of women checked as having voted .	7

The result of the ballot as declared, to wit:

TOWN CLERK.

Millard F. Charles, 66 Bancroft ave. . .	385
George E. Horrocks, 212 Main st. . .	182
Herbert M. Viall, 88 Prospect st. . .	326
Blanks	33

SELECTMEN.

Oliver L. Akerley, 65 Woburn st.	404
James Warren Killam, 16 Arlington st.	439
Wm. I. Ruggles, 23 Grand st.	552
George A. Shackford, 118 Ash st.	627
John F. Turner, 147 Woburn st.	448
Blanks	304
Scattering	4

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Oliver L. Akerley, 65 Woburn st.	395
James Warren Killam, 16 Arlington st.	423
William I. Ruggles, 23 Grand st.	525
George A. Shackford, 118 Ash st.	618
John F. Turner, 147 Woburn st.	435
Blanks	378
Scattering	4

ASSESSOR FOR THREE YEARS.

Edward F. Parker, 3 Salem st.	642
Blanks	275
Scattering	9

TREASURER.

Edward F. Parker, 3 Salem st.	647
Blanks	272
Scattering	7

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Herbert M. Viall, 88 Prospect st.	704
Blanks	213
Scattering	9

BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THREE YEARS.

Frederick D. Merrill, 27 Highland st.	670

Blanks	252
Scattering	4

Two Constables.

Wm. J. Allen, 106 Main st.	146
Frederick D. Merrill, 27 Highland st.	588
John H. Orr, 31 Village st.	334
Henry Stock, Pearl st.	426
Blanks	355
Scattering	3

Water Commissioner for 3 Years.

Albert P. Dane, 10 Mineral st.	293
Earle Harley Gowing, 50 Woburn st.	514
Blanks	119

Member Municipal Light Board for 3 Years.

George L. Flint, Highland st.	452
Walter M. Scott, 24 Pleasant st.	354
Blanks	119
Scattering	1

Two Trustees Laurel Hill Cemetery for 3 Years.

Frank L. Edgerley, 17 Grove st.	438
Galen A. Parker, 1 Charles st.	469
Willie E. Twombly, 35 Highland st.	491
Blanks	452
Scattering	2

Two Trustees Public Library for 3 Years.

Cyrus M. Barrows, 281 Lowell st.	665
Frederick E. Whittemore, 56 Linden st.	633
Blanks	551
Scattering	3

Two School Committee for 3 Years.

Walter S. Parker, 55 Walnut st.	689
Horace G. Wadlin, 118 Woburn st.	669
Blanks	503
Scattering	5

Three Auditors.

George Hatch Clough, 60 Lowell st.	580
Harry L. Dane, Summer ave.	599
Edgar N. Hunt, 125 Summer ave.	626
Blanks	965
Scattering	8

Tree Warden.

A. Chandler Manning, 128 High st.	715
Blanks	208
Scattering	3

Shall Licenses be Granted for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town?

Those voting YES	180
Those voting NO	554
Blanks	192

Art. 4. To choose all other necessary Town Officers, and to determine what instructions they will give the Town Officers.

Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 5. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for schools, incidental school expenses, Superintendent of Schools, repairs of highways, bridges and sidewalks, removing snow and ice, concrete sidewalks and edgestones (provided abutters pay one-half), Fire Department, Forest Fire Wards, support of the poor, salaries of Town Officers, State and Military Aid, Soldiers' Relief, Printing, Abatement of Taxes, Town Building,

Cemetery, Public Library, Memorial Day, Board of Health, Police Department, care of Old South clock, interest account, care and improvement of the Common, Mayall Park and Elm Park, election expenses, concrete gutters, crosswalks and paved gutters, repairs of concrete, for the Committee on Sewerage, miscellaneous expenses and Tree Warden.

Voted to take up Art 5.

Voted to raise and appropriate for general school expenses for present fiscal year	$21,600 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for incidental school expenses for present fiscal year	4,000 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for repairs of highways, bridges and sidewalks for present fiscal year .	3,000 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for concrete sidewalks and edgestones, provided abutters pay one-half, for present fiscal year	300 00
Voted to appropriate from the Street R. R. and Franchise Tax for removing snow and ice during the fiscal year	600 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department for the present fiscal year	3,600 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Forest Fire Wards for the present fiscal year	150 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for the Support of Poor for the present fiscal year . . .	4,000 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for the Salaries of Town Officers for the present fiscal year . .	3,500 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for State and Military Aid for the present fiscal year	2,800 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Soldiers' Relief for the present fiscal year	1,200 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Printing for the	

present fiscal year	500 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for the Abatement of Taxes for the present fiscal year . . .	600 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for the Town Building for the present fiscal year	300 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for the Cemetery for the present fiscal year	900 00
And appropriate the proceeds from sale of lots.	
Voted to raise and appropriate for the Public Library for the present fiscal year	1,000 00
And appropriate the proceeds of the annual dog tax.	
Voted to raise and appropriate for Memorial Day for the present fiscal year, to be expended by G. A. R. Post 194	175 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Board of Health for the present fiscal year	600 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Police Department for the present fiscal year	2,600 00
Voted to appropriate for care of Old South Clock for the present fiscal year, to be taken from sum raised and appropriated for Miscellaneous Expenses	50 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for interest for the present fiscal year	300 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for the Care and Improvement of the Common, Elm and Mayall Parks	150 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Election Expenses for the present fiscal year	300 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Repairs of Concrete for the present fiscal year	300 00
For Sewerage Committee voted to pass over. . .	

Voted to raise and appropriate for Miscellaneous Expenses for the present fiscal year . . . 900 00

Voted to appropriate for the Tree Warden to be taken from Miscellaneous Expenses . . . 50 00

Art. 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand and nineteen dollars, to pay the interest on bonds and notes issued for the construction of the Municipal Light and Power Plant for the year ending December 31, 1902.

Voted to raise and appropriate to pay the interest on Bonds and Notes issued for construction of Municipal Light and Power Plant for the year ending Dec. 31, 1902, $2,019.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars, and appropriate the receipts of the Plant, together with cash on hand, for maintenance of the Municipal Light and Power Plant for the year ending Dec. 31, 1902, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to raise and appropriate $4,000, and appropriate the receipts of the Plant, together with the cash on hand, for the maintenance of the Electric Light and Power Plant for the year ending Dec. 31, 1902.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars for construction and extension of the Municipal Light and Power Plant for the year ending Dec. 31, 1902, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to raise and appropriate for the construction and extension of the Electric Light and Power Plant for the year ending Dec. 31, 1902, $2,500.

Art. 9. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for service pipes, hydrant rental, water for drinking fountains, water for street sprinkling, interest on water loan and maintenance of water works.

Voted to raise and appropriate for service pipes for the Water Plant for the present fiscal year $1,000. Voted to raise and appropriate for hydrant rentals $4,830 ; water for street sprinkling $300 ; water for drinking fountains $300; also to raise and appropriate $1,500, and to appropriate from the receipts $2,050 to pay interest on water loan the present fiscal year. Voted to appropriate from the receipts for maintenance the present fiscal year $7,000.

Voted under Art. 4 that the Selectmen be authorized to appoint Measurers of Wood and Bark.

Voted that the Selectmen serve as Fence Viewers for the ensuing year.

Voted that Asa Parker, Wellman J. Moody and Milton D. Parker serve as Field Drivers for the ensuing year.

Voted that Henry Stock be appointed Pound Keeper for the ensuing year.

Voted that James A. Bancroft, Wendell Bancroft, Ora L. Milbury, Samuel Brown, Joseph W. Killam and Burton K. Symonds be Surveyors of Lumber for the ensuing year.

Voted that the Collector of Taxes be instructed to collect all taxes (so far as possible) on or before Oct. 1st, 1902, and upon all taxes unpaid at that time to add interest at five per cent. per annum from said date until tax is paid, also to collect all taxes unpaid Jan. 1, 1903, forthwith, by process of law unless delinquents procure an order from the Selectmen releasing them from immediate payment.

Voted that the Town Clerk be instructed to prepare reports of all Town Meetings during the year for the printed Annual Town Report.

Moved and seconded that the Electric Light Commissioners charge the Town $70 per annum for each arc light on its streets beginning Jan. 1, 1903.

Voted to lay this motion on the table.

Voted to lay Art. 4 on the table.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will authorize the Water Commissioners to lay a water pipe on Summer avenue from opposite the residence of Frank W. Parsons to connect with the dead end near the residence of L. O. Ferson, and authorize the issue of bonds to pay for the same, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted that the Water Commissioners be authorized to lay a water pipe on Summer Ave. from opposite the residence of Frank W. Parsons to connect with the dead end near the residence of L. O. Ferson and be authorized to issue bonds to pay for such extension, and that the sum of $1,071 be appropriated from receipts of sale of bonds to pay cost of same. By a standing vote counted by tellers 58 voted in favor and 3 against.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year.

Voted that for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to and for the use of the Town of Reading in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow from time to time with the approval of a majority of the Board of Selectmen, a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate eighty-two thousand dollars, and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the Town therefor payable within one year from the time the loan is made; any debt or debts incurred by a loan or loans to the Town under this vote shall be paid from the said taxes of the present municipal year.

Art. 12. To determine the compensation of the Collector.

Voted that the compensation of the Collector of Taxes be $\frac{3}{4}$ of 1 per cent. on all taxes collected during ensuing year.

Art. 13. To see what instructions the Town will give the Board of Selectmen in relation to filling the vacancies on the Ap-

propriation Committee of the five members whose terms expire this year.

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to appoint five members of the Finance Committee to fill vacancies caused by expired terms of office.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the purpose of furnishing electricity for lighting Grand Army Hall on Haven street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted that the sum of $50 be appropriated, to be taken from Miscellaneous Expense Account, to furnish electricity for G. A. R. Hall, Haven st.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will defray the cost for electric lighting of the Reading Home for Aged Women for one year, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted that the sum of $30 be appropriated, to be taken from Miscellaneous Expense Account, for electric lighting of Reading Home for Aged Women.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fourteen hundred dollars to meet the interest on School House bonds, and appropriate the unexpended balance of eighty dollars in interest on School House Bond Account of 1901, to pay four coupons remaining unpaid December 31, 1901.

Voted to raise and appropriate $1,400 to pay the interest on School House Bonds and to appropriate the unexpended balance ($80) in interest on School House Bonds Account of 1901, to pay four coupons remaining unpaid Dec. 31, 1901.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred twelve dollars and fifty cents to meet the interest on School House notes.

Voted to raise and appropriate $312.50 to pay interest on

School House notes.

Art. 18. To see what action the Town will take to meet payment of Electric Light and Power Plant note for fourteen hundred dollars, due May 1, 1902.

Voted that the Town appropriate $1,400 from available assets to pay Electric Light and Power Plant note due May 1, 1902.

Art. 19. To see what action the Town will take to meet payment of Howard Place note for twenty-five hundred dollars, due November 27, 1902.

Voted to appropriate from available assets $2,500 to pay Howard Place note due November 27, 1902.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will buy a portable stone crusher, and what appropriation they will make, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate seven hundred fifty dollars to take care of the surface water at the corner of Lincoln and Prescott streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to refer to Board of Selectmen.

Art. 22. To see what action the Town will take to carry away the water which accumulates on the Southerly side of Green street, near the residence of Samuel Brown and others, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose.

Voted to refer to Board of Selectmen with full power.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the purpose of constructing a sidewalk on the Northerly side of Mt. Vernon street from Linden street to Bancroft avenue in accordance with the survey of 1896, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to appropriate the sum of $100, to be taken from appropriations for Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars to construct a sidewalk on the Westerly side of Winter street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to appropriate the sum of $75, to be taken from Appropriation for Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars for the purpose of grading and draining Warren avenue, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to refer this article to the Board of Selectmen.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will instruct the Water Commissioners to extend the water pipe from its present terminus on Ash street below Cross street, to a point near the residence of Alex C. Doucette on Brook street, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for this purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted that Water Commissioners be instructed to extend the water pipes on Ash street to a point near the residence of Alex C. Doucette on Brook street, and that the sum of $1059 be appropriated from receipts of sale of bonds provided that all the persons owning houses on this line of extension agree to take water when said pipes are put in. On a count by tellers 83 voted in favor and none opposed.

Voted to adjourn to meet in this place on Tuesday evening, March 4th, 1902, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

March 4, 1902, Town Meeting met according to adjournment and were called to order by George L. Flint, Moderator.

Voted to take Art. 4 from table.

The following resolve was unanimously passed by a rising vote.

Resolved: That the thanks of the Town be and the same are

hereby extended to Mr. James Reid, retiring Town Clerk, for his faithful and efficient services in that office during the past 16 years, and that the present Clerk be instructed to send to Mr. Reid a copy of this vote.

Voted that the Tree Warden be instructed to destroy as far as possible all nests of the brown tail moth on public or private land.

Voted to lay Art. 4 on table.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will defray the expense of supplying town water for the Reading Home for Aged Women for one year, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to appropriate the sum of $12, to be taken from Miscellaneous Expense Account, for water for the Home for Aged Women.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of forty dollars for the purpose of installing an arc lamp at the corner of Woburn and Prospect streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of forty-five dollars for the purpose of erecting an arc light on Washington street East of Main street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 30. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of erecting an arc light at the corner of West and South streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 31. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars to erect an arc light on Temple street at or near the angle in said street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 32. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred twenty-six dollars for the purpose of installing an arc light on West street near the residence of Jonathan B.

Severance, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 33. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to install an arc light on Village street opposite or near the residence of Mr. Charles G. Rogers, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted that the subject matter of these articles be referred to the Municipal Light Board and Board of Selectmen with instructions to hear the petitioners and grant such as they deem wise. Expense to be met out of current appropriation for construction and extension of Electric Light Plant.

Art. 34. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to purchase a Hose Wagon for Steamer Co. No. 1, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $450 for a new Hose Wagon for Steamer Co. No. 1, to be expended under direction of Board of Engineers of the Fire Department.

Art. 35. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate to make an entrance to the Town Building for the use of the Hook and Ladder Co., or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to raise and appropriate $100 to make an entrance to the Town Building for the Hook and Ladder Co., to be expended under the direction of the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department and Board of Selectmen.

Art. 36. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate to build a Hose House on North Main street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to raise and appropriate $650 and appropriate from available assets $500 to be expended under the direction of Board of Engineers of Fire Department to build a Hose House on North Main street.

Art. 37. To see if the Town will vote to lease or buy a suitable lot of land on North Main street, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to appropriate from available assets to purchase a lot of land on North Main street to put a Hose House on, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department, $150.

Art. 38. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars for the purchase of material and construction of a cell for women at the Town Building, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

Voted to appropriate the sum of $75 to fit up a cell for women in the Town Building, to be expended under direction of the Board of Selectmen and taken from Miscellaneous Expense Account.

Art. 39. To see if the Town will grant permission to the Trustees of the Old South M. E. church of Reading, to sell lots for burial purposes on their lot of land lying Northerly of their Chapel, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Art. 40. To see if the Town will instruct the Trustees of the Public Library to renew the lease with the Reading Odd Fellows' Building Association, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted that the Trustees of the Public Library be instructed to lease room now occupied by Library for a term not exceeding five years.

Art. 41. To see if the Town will adopt the following by-law, or what they will do in relation thereto. By-law: No person shall throw or drop, and suffer to remain in or upon any street or public ground any paper or rubbish or refuse matter or substance of any kind.

Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Art. 42. To see if the Town will rescind the vote passed at the meeting of Jan. 13, 1902, whereby they voted under Article 2 of the Warrant calling said meeting "that the Town authorize the payment of the sum of ten thousand four hundred and ninety-five dollars and seventy-seven cents ($10,495.77) to meet expenses in connection with the water department, to wit: in settlement of the claim for damages brought by the Ipswich Mills and for incidental counsel fees and expenses; said sum to be provided by the issue of bonds in accordance with the vote of March 4th, 1901, and such portions of said amount as have already been advanced on account, out of the Town Treasury, to be reimbursed thereto from the proceeds of said bonds, and the Water Commissioners are hereby instructed to carry out the provisions of this vote."

Voted to rescind vote passed at Town Meeting of Jan. 13, 1902, as voted under Art. 2 of that meeting.

Art. 43. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer under the direction of the Water Commissioners to borrow on such time as they may deem advantageous, the sum of ten thousand four hundred and ninety-five dollars and seventy-seven cents, giving the note or notes of the Town therefor, and appropriate the same to meet the liabilities incurred in settlement of the claim for damages brought by the Ipswich Mills and for incidental counsel fees and expenses connected therewith.

Voted that the Town authorize their Treasurer under the direction of the Water Commissioners to borrow on such time as they may deem advantageous, the sum of $10,495.77, giving the note or notes of the Town therefor, and appropriate the same to meet the liabilities incurred in settlement of the claim for damages brought by the Ipswich Mills and for incidental counsel fees and expenses connected therewith, and such proportion as is expense incurred by the Town it shall be reimbursed therefor.

On a count by tellers 29 voted yes and none opposed.

Voted to take Art. 2 from table.

Voted that the Building Committee Report be accepted and the subject matter of the report be referred to the next Special Town Meeting.

Committee on Playground made a verbal report.

Voted to accept, and continue Committee.

Voted to lay Art. 2 on table.

Art. 4, voted to take from table.

Voted that the Electric Light and Power Plant on and after Jan. 1, 1903, charge the Town $60 per arc light per annum.

Voted to recommend that our Electric Light and Power Plant send out two canvassers to get more takers of electric light.

Art. 4, voted to lay on table.

Art. 44. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen in relation to guide posts, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty dollars for the repair of the same.

Voted to appropriate from Miscellaneous Expenses $30 for Guide Boards and Posts for the ensuing year.

The Board of Selectmen made the following report on Guide Posts:

Guide Posts or suitable substitutes therefor are erected and maintained at the following locations, viz: Corner Mill and Short sts., Main and Franklin, Main and Pearl, Main and Charles, Main and Salem, Main on Common, Main in the Square, Main and Pleasant, Main and Haven, Main and Washington, Main and Ash, Main and Summer Ave., Walnut and South, Woburn and Summer Ave., Woburn and West, junction West and Willow and Summer Ave., Cor. Willow and Lowell, Middlesex Ave. and Lowell, Woburn and Lowell, Franklin and Grove, Cor.

Franklin and Haverhill, Haverhill and Charles, Haverhill and Pine, Cor. Pine and Salem, Salem and Pearl, Cor. Pearl and Charles, Harnden and Pleasant, Cor. Pleasant and Parker, Village and Haven, Cor. Salem and Lowell, Salem and Harnden, Cor. Lowell and High streets.

WM. I. RUGGLES,
GEORGE A. SHACKFORD,
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,
} Selectmen of Reading.

Reading, Feb. 15, 1902.

Voted to accept above report.

Art. 45. To see if the Town will revise and accept the list of names of jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

List of Names of Jurors.

The subscribers, Selectmen of Reading, present the following list of persons who in our judgment are qualified to serve as jurors:

Bancroft, Frederick	Broker
Bancroft, Lewis M.	Supt.
Batchelder, Alden	Retired
Batchelder, Howard W.	Farmer
Batchelder, Warren A.	Carpenter
Beaudry, Charles B.	Organ Pipe Maker
Bessom, Charles F.	Farmer
Bosson, Harry P.	Insurance Agent
Bickford, Daniel T.	Clerk
Broad, Nathaniel W.	Carpenter
Brown, Joseph H.	Laborer
Canty, Daniel T.	Cabinet Maker
Carter, George	Laborer
Chase, John E.	Carpenter
Cook, George W.	Book-keeper
Cook, Walter F.	Painter

Davis, Arthur E.	R. R. Employe
Eaton, John H.	Carpenter
Eaton, Waldo F.	Organ Pipe Maker
Emerson, Arthur G.	Supt.
Flint, George L.	Carpenter
Foster, Arthur J.	Farmer
Gleason, Julius I.	Piano Maker
Goodwin, Edwin H.	Organ Pipe Maker
Grimes, John H.	Salesman
Howard, Luther G.	Real Estate
Hunt, Edgar N.	Book-keeper
Jackson, Charles S.	Organ Pipe Maker
Jones, Wm. H.	Farmer
Kidder, William	Carpenter
Kimball, Charles D.	Machinist
Knight, Edgar M.	Machinist
Krook, Lambertus W.	Cabinet Maker
Krook, Matthys H.	Cabinet Maker
LaClair, Henry S.	Farmer
Lee, Charles W.	Merchant
Lovejoy, Eugene L.	Merchant
Lewis, John B., Jr.	Shoe Man'f'r
McDougall, Chester W.	Plumber
McCrum, David	Machinist
Manning, Edwin	Clerk
Merrill, Clarence E.	R. R. Conductor
Nichols, Amos C.	Caterer
Oakes, George F.	Engineer
Perkins, Alfred	Retired
Parker, Fred H.	Expressman
Parker, Horace A.	Cabinet Maker
Pratt, Harland P.	Silk Cutter

Pratt, Wilmot K.	Laborer
Prichard, Augustus D.	Farmer
Sargent, George A.	Shoe worker
Smalledge, Frank W.	Paper cutter
Smith, Benjamin Y.	Organ Pipe Maker
Temple, David C.	Carpenter
Wickens, John	Printer
Winship, Frank A.	Bank Cashier
Wyman, Fernando D.	Shoe worker
Wight, Ephraim	Carpenter

WM. I. RUGGLES,
GEORGE A. SHACKFORD,
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,
} Selectmen of Reading.

Reading, Mass., Feb. 17, 1902.

Voted to strike from list — Gleason, Julius I.

Voted to add to list — Eames, George T.
Parker, Asa
Mack, George

Voted to accept list as amended.

Art. 2. Voted to take from table.

Voted that the reports of all Town Officers as printed in Town Report and the report of the Committee on Appropriations be accepted and placed on file.

Voted that report of Committee on Board of Public Works be accepted as a report of progress and Committee continued.

Art. 4. Voted to take from table.

Voted that the compensation of the Secretary of the Committee on Appropriations be $25 annually, to begin Jan. 1st, 1901.

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to appoint a committee

of five to investigate our Town taxes and report on or before our next Annual Town Meeting.

Voted to dissolve.

A true copy of record.

ATTEST: MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

RECOUNT OF VOTES MARCH 10, 1902.

The following petition was received by the Town Clerk for a recount of votes.

PETITION.

We, the undersigned, legal voters of the Town of Reading, have reason to believe and do believe that the records or a copy of the records made by the Election Officers of said Town, March 3, 1902, are erroneous and that a recount will effect the election of one or more candidates for the offices of Selectmen and Overseers of Poor, and we therefore ask for a recount of the votes, cast for William I. Ruggles, John F. Turner and James Warren Killam for said offices as provided in Sec. 267, Chapter 11 of the Revised Laws.

Charles S. Beaudry, 32 Pearl st.
J. F. Twombly, 35 Highland st.
James H. Remick, Green st.
William H. Killam, 6 Bancroft ave.
Erwin C. Bowman, Howard st. extension.
Harry E. Eames, 43 Green st.
Edward D. Parker, 17 Parker st.
Emil C. Litchfield, 20 Arlington st.
Melville O. Howes, 51 Federal st.
Lemuel W. Allen, Hopkins st.

William Carney, Park ave.

P. J. Seaman, 76 Eaton st.

There appeared before me each of the signers of this petition and made oath to the truth of the statements.

Reading, Mass., March 6, 1902.

WM. H. WILLIS, Justice of the Peace.

Filed with the Town Clerk at 10.30 o'clock a. m. March 6th, 1902.

WM. H. KILLAM, 6 Bancroft ave.

I hereby certify that I received the within notice at 10.30 a. m. March 6, 1902.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

March 10, 1902, Reading, Mass.

The Board of Registrars hereby certify that they have counted the votes as requested by petition in conformity to law with the following result:

SELECTMEN

James Warren Killam had	439
William I. Ruggles had	552
John F. Turner had	446

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

James Warren Killam had	423
William I. Ruggles had	525
John F. Turner had	438

there being no change of result of the election as decided at the Annual Town Meeting of March 3, 1902.

WALTER S. PRENTISS,
OWEN McKENNEY,
WALTER M. SCOTT,
MILLARD F. CHARLES, Clerk } Board of Registrars.

A true copy of record,

ATTEST: MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

Special Town Meeting, May 21, 1902.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

George L. Flint was chosen Moderator.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $400 to defray the expense of the operating of the street sprinkling cart the ensuing year, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to appropriate from the available assets the sum of four hundred dollars to defray expense of sprinkling streets.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 78 of the Acts of 1901 entitled "an act to extend the provisions of the Civil Service Law to the Police and Fire Forces of Towns."

Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract with the Massachusetts Highway Commission to construct the proposed State Highway in this Town, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted that the Selectmen are authorized to execute a waiver of the right of the Town granted by Chapter 47, Sec. 10, of the Revised Laws, to contract with the Massachusetts Highway Commission for the construction of the State Highway within its limits.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will macadamize Main st. from the Old South Church to Boston & Maine R. R. crossing, and how much money they will raise and appropriate therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to macadamize Main st. from the Boston & Maine R. R. south to the beginning of the State Highway, and to determine how much

money they will raise and appropriate therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to cause that portion of Main st. extending southward from the Boston & Maine R. R. to the beginning of the State Highway to be macadamized in manner to conform to the specifications of the State Highway Commissioners, said work to be done the present year, and to meet the expense of same the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow under the approval of the Selectmen the sum of $1000, and to issue the Town's note therefor, payable within ten years, any additional expense that may be required to complete said work to be paid out of the appropriation for Highways for the current year.

65 voted in favor, none opposed.

Art. 5. Voted to take from table.

Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Art. 7. To see what action the Town will take to carry off the water which accumulates from springs or otherwise on the estates of Joseph R. Camp and others on the westerly side of Main st.

Voted to indefinitely postpone.

A true copy of record,

ATTEST: MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF TOWN MEETING HELD NOV. 4, 1902.

STATE ELECTION.

Meeting called to order by George A. Shackford, the presiding Election Officer. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Joseph Candlin. Warrant read by the presiding Election Officer, George A. Shackford.

Ballot Clerks.—George L. Pratt, William H. Perkins, Horace E. Sawyer.

Tellers.—Waldo F. Eaton, Alfred W. Danforth, George L. Flint, John Connolly, James C. Nichols, Walter F. Cook, Clinton L. Newell, George H. Clough, Arthur E. Nichols, Daniel T. Bickford, Spencer G. Stewart, Henry S. LaClair, George E. Adams.

Names checked as having voted, 933. Polls closed at 4h., 25m., P. M.

Result of ballot:

GOVERNOR.

John L. Bates of Boston	630
Michael T. Berry of Haverhill	6
John C. Chase of Haverhill	56
William A. Gaston of Boston	202
Wm. H. Partridge of Newton	10
Blanks	19

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

John Quincy Adams of Amesbury	74
Thomas F. Brennan of Salem	9
Oliver W. Cobb of Easthampton	14
Curtis Guild, Jr., of Boston	608
Herbert C. Joyner of Great Barrington	178
Blanks	50

SECRETARY.

Edward A. Buckland of Holyoke	61
Herbert B. Griffin of Winthrop	13
Jeremiah O'Fihelly of Abington	7
William M. Olin of Boston	627
William B. Stone of Springfield	152
Blanks	73

TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL.

Edward S. Bradford of Springfield	630
Joseph L. Chalifoux of Lowell	154
Frederick A. Nagler of Springfield	6
Daniel Parlin of Worcester	14
David Taylor of Boston	60
Blanks	69

AUDITOR.

David Morrison of Fall River	17
S. Fremont Packard of Brockton	58
Charles Stoeber of Adams	8
Thomas C. Thatcher of Yarmouth	154
Henry E. Turner of Malden	613
Blanks	83

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Allen Coffin of Nantucket	16
Charles E. Fenner of Worcester	62
John J. Flaherty of Gloucester	139
John A. Henley of Lynn	12
Herbert Parker of Lancaster	624
Blanks	80

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FIFTH DISTRICT.

Butler Ames of Lowell	620
William S. Searle of Methuen	13
John T. Sparks of Dracut	194
John A. Wilkinson of Methuen	64
Joseph Youngjohns of Lowell	6
Blanks	36

COUNCILLOR SIXTH DISTRICT.

John H. Gray of Malden	21

William J. McCluskey of Lowell	141
Henri E. Richardson of Lowell	70
Walter Scott Watson of Lowell	616
Blanks	85

SENATOR SIXTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

Quincy Adams of Townsend	28
Herbert E. Fletcher of Westford	588
Benjamin Staveley of Tewksbury	65
Henry F. Tarbell of Pepperell	167
James W. Grimes of Reading	1
Blanks	84

REPRESENTATIVES TO GENERAL COURT 28TH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

Henry M. Aldrich of Woburn	150
Edmund C. Cottle of Woburn	463
Henry R. Johnson of Reading	326
James L. McDermott of Woburn	15
R. Kelsie McKeen of Reading	74
Charles H. Nowell of Reading	540
Samuel Brown of Reading	1
Blanks	297

MIDDLESEX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

George R. Duren of Carlisle	146
Levi S. Gould of Melrose	615
Arthur Staveley of Tewksbury	69
Luther S. Wood of Lowell	23
Blanks	80

The returns of the vote as declared were signed by the proper officers in open meeting when on motion meeting was dissolved.

A true copy of record,

ATTEST: MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 257, Chapter 11, of the Revised Laws, the City Clerk of Woburn and the Town Clerk of Reading, being the City and Town Clerk of every city and town in Representative District Number 28 within said County, met at noon Friday, Nov. 14, 1902, being the tenth day succeeding the day of election, held Nov. 4th, 1902, and there and then opened, examined and compared the copies of the records of votes cast at said election for the office of Representative and determined therefrom that Henry M. Aldrich of Woburn and Edmund C. Cottle of Woburn were elected to the office of Representative. The following is a schedule of the names of all persons for whom votes for Representatives were given in said District, and the number of votes given for each person, viz:

Henry M. Aldrich of Woburn	1310
Edmund C. Cottle of Woburn	1454
Henry R. Johnson of Reading	1196
John L. McDermott of Woburn	200
R. Kelsie McKeen of Reading	169
Charles H. Nowell of Reading	1276
Samuel Brown of Reading	1
Blanks and defective	1074
Whole number of ballots	6680

In witness whereof we, the City Clerk of Woburn and the Town Clerk of Reading, hereunto set our hands this 14th day of November, A. D. 1902.

JOHN H. FINN, City Clerk of Woburn.
MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk of Reading.

A true copy of record,

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

SELECTMEN'S GENERAL REPORT.

For Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31st, 1902.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Reading:

Agreeably to the custom of former years, and the requirement of the By-Laws, we hereby submit our report for the year 1902.

Each year the duties of this Board increase, and we believe more firmly than ever that there should be a clerk for all the Departments of the Town, and that all Departments should be under one roof, as they would then be more in touch with each other and could devote more time to personal interviews with the citizens.

Street Department.

This Department has been conducted practically as in the past, but the time has arrived for some other method and material for building and repairing streets, as the supply of suitable gravel in the Town is very nearly exhausted, and with the increase of travel old methods and materials are inadequate and expensive.

As instructed at the last annual meeting, we have rebuilt Lincoln Street back of the Depot, also Warren Ave. We have also rebuilt Green Street from John Street to Eaton Street, and repaired the culvert near the residence of Samuel Brown.

Main Street from near Minot Street to the B. & M. R. R. has not been macadamized, as we arranged with the Massachusetts Highway Commission to do this in conjunction with work which they proposed to do on North Main Street, and which, but for unavoidable delays would have been constructed to a point near the new hose house.

We have also constructed a sidewalk on Mt. Vernon Street from Bancroft Avenue to Linden Street.

LAW SUITS AGAINST THE TOWN.

There is nothing new to report on the several Law Suits against the Town, as they are still pending.

The Grace McKay suit has gone to the Supreme Court on points of law.

The case of Henry H. Nowell vs. Town of Reading is still pending.

The suit of the Middleton Paper Mills vs. Town of Reading is in the hands of the Attorneys.

Service has been made by the administrator of Charles G. Tucker, Jr., Estate on the Town of Reading and N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., jointly, but the Town is protected by insurance and the Attorneys for the Insurance Co. are defending the case.

GEO. A. SHACKFORD,
WM. I. RUGGLES,
JOHN F. TURNER.

Selectmen.

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation		$3,500 00
EXPENDED.		
James Reid, Town Clerk, Jan. 1st to Mar. 3rd, 1902	$13 12	
James Reid, Clerk Board Registrars, Jan. 1st to Mar. 3rd, 1902 . . .	7 00	
M. F. Charles, Town Clerk, Mar. 3rd to Dec. 31st, 1902	61 88	
M. F. Charles, Clerk Board Registrars, Mar. 3rd to Dec. 31st, 1902 . . .	33 00	
Geo. A. Shackford, salary Selectman and Overseer of Poor, Mar. 3rd to Dec. 31st, 1902	291 67	
W. I. Ruggles, salary Selectman and Overseer of Poor, Mar. 3rd to Dec. 31st, 1902	258 33	
John F. Turner, salary Selectman and Overseer of Poor, Mar. 3rd to Dec. 31st, 1902	208 33	
Amount carried forward	$873 33	$3,500 00

Amount brought forward	$873 33	$3,500 00
O. L. Akerley, salary Selectman and Overseer of Poor, Jan. 1st to Mar. 3rd, 1902	41 67	
W. M. Scott, Salary Auditor, 1901 . .	33 33	
A. P. Dane, Salary Auditor, 1901 . .	33 33	
E. N. Hunt, Salary Auditor, 1901 . .	33 33	
E. F. Parker, Assessor, 1902 . . .	250 00	
J. H. Adden, Assessor, 1902 . . .	250 00	
W. W. Davis, Assessor, 1902 . . .	250 00	
E. F. Parker, Treasurer, 1902 . . .	400 00	
W. S. Kinsley, salary Electric Light Commissioner, Oct. 1st, 1901, to Oct. 1st, 1902	75 00	
C. W. Lee, salary Electric Light Commissioner, Mar., 1901, to Mar., 1902 .	75 00	
G. L. Flint, salary Electric Light Commissioner, Mar. 3rd, 1902, to Dec. 31st, 1902	62 50	
H. R. Johnson, salary Water Commissioner, year ending Dec. 31st, 1902 . .	75 00	
E. B. Drake, salary Water Commissioner year ending Dec. 31st, 1902 . .	75 00	
E. H. Gowing, salary Water Commissioner from Mar. 3rd to Dec. 31st, 1902 .	62 50	
C. L. Martin, salary Water Commissioner from Jan. 1st to Mar. 3d, 1902 . .	12 50	
A. N. Howes, salary Water Commissioner from Jan. 1st to Mar. 3rd, 1902 . .	12 50	
H. M. Viall, Collector, 1900 . . .	90 93	
H. M. Viall, Collector, 1901 . . .	155 06	
H. M. Viall, Collector, 1902 . . .	406 41	
Amount carried forward	$3,267 39	$3,500 00

Amount brought forward	$3,267 39	$3,500 00
G. L. Flint, Board of Health to Dec. 31st, 1902	25 00	
Owen McKenney, Registrar, year ending May 1st, 1902	30 00	
W. S. Prentiss, Registrar, Nov. 1st, 1901, to Nov. 1st, 1902	30 00	
J. F. Turner, Registrar, May 1st, 1901, to Mar. 1st, 1902	25 00	
W. M. Scott, Registrar, Mar. 1st, 1902, to May 1st, 1902	5 00	
G. L. Flint, Moderator Annual Meeting Mar. 3rd, 1902	10 00	
A. Chandler Manning, Tree Warden, 1901	25 00	
Unexpended	82 61	
	$3,500 00	$3,500 00

TOWN BUILDING AND OFFICE.

Appropriation		$300 00
EXPENDED.		
C. M. Barrows & Co., order book	12 75	
S. S. Bell, Manager, electric light and supplies	66 42	
Hobbs & Warren Co., invoice book, ledger and stationery	8 45	
H. Prentiss, Postmaster, stamps	9 00	
W. Bancroft & Co., fuel	171 75	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, stationery	9 25	
Reading Water Works, water rates	3 52	
Amount carried forward	$281 14	$300 00

Amount brought forward	$281 14	$300 00
Thomas Groom & Co., tax record and tax book	19 50	
J. H. Roe, repairing roof	27 10	
American Express Co., expressing	15	
H. M. Meek Publishing Co., directory	2 00	
J. F. Burnham, fuel	11 00	
Overdrawn		40 89
	$340 89	$340 89

PRINTING.

Appropriation		$500 00
EXPENDED.		
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, Town Reports, 1901	402 00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, extra copies Water, Light and School Reports	32 00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, Finance Committee Report	21 00	
W. F. & J. F. Twombly, stamped envelopes and miscellaneous printing	43 00	
Wakefield Daily Item, dog blanks, posters, and assessors' returns	6 30	
Overdrawn		4 30
	$504 30	$504 30

ELECTION EXPENSES.

Appropriation		$300 00
EXPENDED.		
G. L. Flint, moderator, Jan. 3rd, 1902	5 00	
Amount carried forward	$5 00	$300 00

Amount brought forward	$5 00	$300 00
G. L. Flint, moderator, May 1st, 1902	5 00	
G. L. Flint, teller, Nov. 4th, 1902	5 00	
B. F. Flanders, teller, Mar. 3rd, 1902	5 00	
H. Stock, services at elections and posting warrants	5 00	
John Connelly, teller, Nov. 5th, 1901	5 00	
John Connelly, teller, Mar. 3rd, 1902	5 00	
E. C. Parker, distributing notices	50	
R. A. Carter, teller, Mar. 3rd, 1902	5 00	
O. B. Ruggles, teller, Mar. 3rd, 1902	5 00	
H. M. Viall, clerical services	5 00	
C. W. Lee, teller, Mar. 3rd, 1902	5 00	
F. A. Bessom, teller, Mar. 3rd, 1902	3 00	
M. A. Stone, teller, Mar. 3rd, 1902	5 00	
C. W. McDougall, teller, Mar. 3rd, 1902	5 00	
J. C. Nichols, teller, Nov. 4th, 1902	5 00	
G. A. Shackford, teller, Nov. 4th, 1902	5 00	
A. E. Nichols, teller, Nov. 4th, 1902	5 00	
H. S. LaClair, teller, Nov. 4th, 1902	5 00	
W. I. Ruggles, teller, Nov. 4th, 1902	5 00	
W. H. Perkins, ballot clerk, Mar. 3rd, 1902	5 00	
W. H. Perkins, ballot clerk, Nov. 4th, 1902	5 00	
W. F. Eaton, teller, Mar. 3rd, and Nov. 4th, 1902	10 00	
W. F. Cook, teller, Mar. 3rd and Nov. 4th, 1902	10 00	
G. H. Clough, teller, Nov. 4th, 1902	5 00	
S. G. Stewart, teller, Nov. 4th, 1902	5 00	
A. W. Danforth, teller, Nov. 5th, 1901, and Nov. 4th, 1902	10 00	
Amount carried forward	$143 50	$300 00

Amount brought forward	$143 50	$300 00
J. F. Turner, teller, Nov. 4th, 1902	5 00	
D. T. Bickford, teller, Mar. 3rd and Nov. 4th, 1902	10 00	
G. E. Adams, teller, Nov. 4th, 1902	5 00	
C. L. Newell, teller, Nov. 4th, 1902	5 00	
H. E. Sawyer, teller, Nov. 4th, 1902	5 00	
G. L. Pratt, ballot clerk, Mar. 3rd and Nov. 4th, 1902	10 00	
F. D. Merrill, posting warrants	2 00	
G. E. Lang, check list depot to town office Oct. 25th, 1902	25	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing town warrants, official ballots and advertising town warrant	76 75	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing account of registration	11 00	
Y. M. C. A., rent of hall Mar. 3rd and 4th, 1902	28 00	
Y. M. C. A., rent of hall May 21st, 1902	8 00	
Y. M. C. A., rent of hall Nov. 4th, 1902	20 00	
Lyceum Hall Assn., rent of hall for caucuses and registration of voters	6 00	
G. H. Atkinson, paper bags and twine	15	
Overdrawn		35 65
	$335 65	$335 65

DECORATION AND CARE OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Appropriation		$175 00
EXPENDED.		
Veteran Post 194, G. A. R.	175 00	
	$175 00	$175 00

BURIAL AGENT ACCOUNT.

Amount due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts		35 00
EXPENDED.		
Ephraim Wight for burial expenses William Bryden	35 00	
	$35 00	$35 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Appropriation		$1,200 00
Cash received from Benj. F. McAllister in payment for aid furnished in 1900 .		217 00
Cash received from Henry Batchelder		48 00
EXPENDED.		
Marcus M. Bancroft, supplies . . .	112 96	
Henry Batchelder, board and supplies .	45 82	
Martha Bessey, supplies	40 00	
Wm. Bryden, supplies	6 75	
Chas. H. Champney, supplies, nurse and medical attendance	332 93	
Sarah A. Deadman, supplies . . .	97 73	
Elizabeth W. DeRonde, supplies . .	24 00	
Ida F. Flanders, supplies	3 50	
John H. Jennings, supplies . . .	142 89	
Mary J. McAllister, supplies . . .	84 00	
Chas. W. Milbery, supplies . . .	25 00	
Kate V. Norris, supplies	7 88	
Amount carried forward	$923 46	$1,465 00

Amount brought forward	$923 46	$1,465 00
Susan M. Penney, supplies	58 00	
David G. Richardson, supplies	156 00	
Samuel Rounds, rent and supplies	162 75	
Helen M. Sherman, supplies	131 75	
Janet C. Varney, supplies	48 00	
Marcella Woods, rent	24 00	
Overdrawn		38 96
	$1,503 96	$1,503 96

PAID ACCOUNT TOWN OF LYNNFIELD.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF ACT.

Amount due from Town of Lynnfield	$101 50

EXPENDED.

Mrs. Lydia I. McArthur, physician, services and burial expenses	$101 50	
	$101 50	$101 50

PAID ACCOUNT CITY OF BROCKTON.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF ACT.

Amount due from City of Brockton	$34 28
Amount due from City of Brockton	13 18

EXPENDED.

Mary E. Freeman, groceries	$47 46	
	$47 46	$47 46

ACCOUNT CHAS. L. HAAG.

Due from Charles L. Haag . .		$83 99
EXPENDED.		
Charles L. Haag, supplies	$83 99	
	$83 99	$83 99

GRACE MCKAY vs. TOWN OF READING.

(No Appropriation.)

EXPENDED.		
T. M. Durrell, M. D., expert testimony .	$100 00	
G. L. Walton, M. D., " " .	100 00	
D. Coggin, M. D., " " .	30 00	
E. D. Richmond, M. D., " " .	25 00	
George F. Dow, M. D., " " .	35 00	
Arthur P. French, Attorney, disbursements, acc't witness fees, official stenographer	143 10	
Arthur P. French, Attorney, legal services	300 00	
W. I. Ruggles, incidental expenses . .	12 20	
	$745 30	

HOWARD PLACE NOTE.

(Issued Nov. 27, 1899.)

Appropriation		$2,500 00
EXPENDED.		
Amount paid Commonwealth of Mass. .	$2,500 00	
	$2,500 00	$2,500 00

MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER PLANT.

MAINTENANCE.

Appropriation		$4,000 00
EXPENDED.		
Municipal Light Board	$4,000 00	
	$4,000 00	$4,000 00

CONSTRUCTION.

Appropriation		$2,500 00
EXPENDED.		
Municipal Light Board	$2,500 00	
	$2,500 00	$2,500 00

INTEREST ON BONDS AND NOTES.

Appropriation		$2,019 00
EXPENDED.		
Municipal Light Board	$2,019 00	
	$2,019 00	$2,019 00

REDUCTION MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEBT.

(Note issued May 1, 1896.)

Appropriation		$1,400 00
Amount raised by taxation . . .		1,000 00
EXPENDED.		
Edw. F. Parker, Treas., note paid by him .	$1,400 00	
Edw. F. Parker, Treas., Bond No. 8, issue 1894, paid by him	$1,000 00	
	$2,400 00	$2,400 00

READING WATER WORKS.

REDUCTION OF WATER LOAN.

Amount raised by taxation . . .		$7,000 00
EXPENDED.		
Edw. F. Parker, Treas., water bonds 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 159, 160, paid by him .	$7,000 00	
	$7,000 00	$7,000 00

HYDRANT RENTALS.

Appropriation		$4,830 00
EXPENDED.		
Reading Water Works	$4,830 00	
	$4,830 00	$4,830 00

INTEREST ON WATER LOAN.

Appropriation		$1,500 00
EXPENDED.		
Reading Water Works	$1,500 00	
	$1,500 00	$1,500 00

DRINKING FOUNTAINS.

Appropriation		$300 00
EXPENDED.		
Reading Water Works	$300 00	
	$300 00	$300 00

STREET SPRINKLER.

Appropriation		$300 00
EXPENDED.		
Reading Water Works	$300 00	
	$300 00	$300 00

SERVICE PIPES.

Appropriation		$1,000 00
EXPENDED.		
Reading Water Works	$1,000 00	
	$1,000 00	$1,000 00

INTEREST ON SCHOOL HOUSE BONDS.

Appropriation		$1,400 00
Unexpended balance 1901 . . .		80 00
EXPENDED.		
Edw. F. Parker, Treas., coupons 1901 and 1902 paid by him	$1,480 00	
	$1,480 00	$1,480 00

INTEREST ON SCHOOL HOUSE NOTES.

Appropriation		$312 50
EXPENDED.		
Edw. F. Parker, Treas., interest paid by him	$81 25	
Amount carried forward	$81 25	$312 50

Amount brought forward	$81 25	$312 50
Granite Savings Bank	70 00	
Charles W. Raulet	80 00	
Susan T. Howard	81 25	
	$312 50	$312 50

SCHOOL HOUSE BONDS.

Amount raised by taxation . . .		$2,000 00
EXPENDED.		
Edw. F. Parker, Treas., bonds No. 6 and 7 issue Aug. 1, 1895, paid by him . .	$2,000 00	
	$2,000 00	$2,000 00

PAID ACCOUNT TOWN OF NORTH READING.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF ACT.

Amount received from Town of North Reading		$77 15
Amount due from Town of North Reading		12 00
EXPENDED.		
Mrs. Fred C. McIntire, rent, dry goods, and medical services	$89 15	
	$89 15	$89 15

STATE AND MILITARY AID.

Appropriation		$2,800 00
EXPENDED.		
W. H. Baker	$32 00	
Amount carried forward	$32 00	$2,800 00

Amount brought forward	$32 00	$2,800 00
Marietta Baker	48 00	
Marcus M. Bancroft	48 00	
Eben B. Bickford	70 00	
Sarah J. Bickford	48 00	
William Bryden	16 00	
Lydia R. Bryden	32 00	
Emmons Buck	72 00	
Julia Buck	48 00	
Edmond Buxton	48 00	
Reuben R. Coates	48 00	
John Corrie	48 00	
Ellen M. Damon	48 00	
John Damon	48 00	
Sarah A. Deadman	48 00	
Elizabeth W. DeRonde	48 00	
Eliza W. DeRonde	48 00	
John D. DeRonde	48 00	
Harriet Dow	48 00	
Stillson H. Dow	72 00	
Ida F. Flanders	48 00	
Charles C. Frost	48 00	
Samuel Goodwin	48 00	
Mary P. Goodwin	48 00	
Theodore F. Gould	36 00	
Jennie F. Gould	12 00	
Mary Gowing	48 00	
Jonathan Heselton	36 00	
Richmond Heselton	72 00	
R. Melissa Hollis	48 00	
William A. Hunter	16 00	
Amount carried forward	$1,426 00	$2,800 00

Amount brought forward	$1,426 00	$2,800 00
William L. Jones	48 00	
William H. Jones	16 00	
William LaClair	36 00	
Clara A. Leathe	48 00	
Gustavus Loring	24 00	
Susan R. Lovejoy	36 00	
Edwin Manning	16 00	
Sarah J. Mason	48 00	
Charlotte A. Matthews	48 00	
Lydia I. McArthur	12 00	
Mary McIntire	48 00	
Charles W. Milbery	54 00	
Sarah M. Milbery	48 00	
Franklin A. Nash	12 00	
Ansel Nickerson	72 00	
Kate V. Norris	32 00	
Clarkson Parker	48 00	
Ellen A. Parker	24 00	
Horace A. Parker	18 00	
Margaret Pinkham	48 00	
Susan R. Poor	34 00	
Horace Prescott	12 00	
David G. Richardson	48 00	
Susan M. Richardson	48 00	
Henry F. Scruton	48 00	
Helen M. Sherman	48 00	
Julia A. E. Smith	48 00	
George Thayer	48 00	
Eliza J. Upton	48 00	
Janet C. Varney	48 00	
Amount carried forward	$2,592 00	$2,800 00

Amount brought forward	$2,592 00	$2,800 00
George A. W. Vinall	48 00	
Harriet B. Vinall	48 00	
Daniel H. Wadlin	60 00	
Marcella Woods	48 00	
To be paid by the Commonwealth .	$2,796 00	

MILITARY AID.

Henry Batchelder	64 00	
Henry E. Putnam	132 00	
One-half to be paid by the Commonwealth	$196 00	
Overdrawn		$192 00
	$2,992 00	$2,992 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Appropriation		$900 00
Received from R., W. & L. St. Ry. .		13 50
Received from auctioneers' licenses .		6 00
Received from Reading Water Works		9 80

EXPENDED.

F. D. Merrill, posting notice Special Town Meeting	$ 1 00	
E. C. Parker, distributing notices . .	1 50	
Henry Stock, care of flag	12 00	
Mrs. J. S. Bond, repairing flag . . .	15 00	
E. D. Richmond, reporting births . .	11 00	
Amount carried forward	$40 50	$929 30

Amount brought forward	$40 50	$929 30
George F. Dow, reporting births	11 50	
Mrs. S. Porter, " "	1 75	
H. M. Meek Pub. Co., birth return books	1 50	
F. G. MacDonald, material for draping Town Bldg. honor of Pres. McKinley	2 98	
J. F. Burnham, distributing Town Reports (1900)	10 00	
J. F. Burnham, distributing Town Reports (1901)	10 00	
M. L. Andrews, typewriting	1 00	
Mrs. Julia M. Ide, "	1 75	
Miss Ida R. Whittier, clerical services	15 00	
W. I. Ruggles, preparing official ballots	60	
A. Chandler Manning, planting trees and postage	4 57	
A. Chandler Manning, salary Tree Warden	50 00	
A. P. French, legal services, 1900	15 95	
A. P. French, " " 1901	40 55	
A. P. French, " " 1902	4 85	
Edgerley & Bessom, reporting deaths, 1901	5 00	
Edgerley & Bessom, " " 1902	8 75	
Est. E. F. Brooks, " " 1901	10 25	
Est. E. F. Brooks, " " 1902	5 25	
James Reid, recording births and deaths, clerical work and stationery	94 80	
D. C. Temple, trees	6 00	
J. W. Gleason, trimming trees	54 25	
L. I. Nichols, " "	26 25	
J. W. Gleason, exterminating brown tail moths	43 76	
Amount carried forward	$426 81	$929 30

Amount brought forward	$466 81	$929 30
Walter Locke, exterminating brown tail moths	43 76	
J. Gardie Eames, exterminating brown tail moths	33 69	
Alfred Ellis, exterminating brown tail moths	32 82	
W. W. Rawson & Co., exterminating brown tail moths	5 40	
Francis Bros., exterminating brown tail moths	5 20	
J. F. Burnham, removing trees	34 00	
S. S. Bell, Manager, electric light, Home for Aged Women	15 73	
S. S. Bell, Manager, electric light, band stand	9 00	
Reading Home for Aged Women, electric light	30 00	
Reading Home for Aged Women, water rates	12 00	
Veteran Post 194, G. A. R., electric light	50 00	
Reading Water Works, Home for Aged Women	9 80	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, supplies and advertising	120 50	
M. F. Charles, stationery and supplies	5 05	
M. F. Charles, dog warrants	1 50	
C. W. Eaton, collector's blanks and postage	1 07	
M. F. Charles, clerk Finance Com., 1901	25 00	
M. F. Charles, " " " 1902	25 00	
Good Samaritan Lodge, rent of hall for Finance Committee	2 00	
Lyceum Hall Asso., rent of hall for Caucuses and Registration	6 00	
Amount carried forward	$934 33	$929 30

Amount brought forward	$934 33	$929 30
Reading Water Works, relocating drinking fountain	11 40	
Francis Bros., hardware and repairs	8 10	
F. W. Danforth, painting street signs	7 25	
F. H. Parker & Sons, expressing	7 10	
American Express Co., "	1 40	
R. C. Totten, repairing waste barrels	2 00	
Francis Doane & Co., assessors' books	18 00	
J. H. Adden, investigating records	25 00	
Frank Geer, settlement of claim	75 00	
J. W. Manning, labor and team	6 74	
Borthwick Bros., men and teams	24 50	
J. F. Turner, perambulating town bounds	10 00	
G. A. Shackford, " " "	10 00	
Old South M. E. Church, care of clock	50 00	
W. K. Pratt, ditching	2 72	
D. W. Pratt, "	7 00	
F. Castine, "	14 00	
A. G. Emerson, "	14 00	
F. Lamprey, "	8 75	
C. W. Milbery, "	24 33	
Champion Iron Co., cell for women	75 00	
E. F. Parker, expenses as Treasurer	5 17	
A. Seaton, stationery	2 50	
F. W. Parker, salary Sealer Weights and Measures	75 00	
F. W. Parker, stationery, etc.	2 76	
Overdrawn		492 75
	$1,422 05	$1,422 05

CARE AND IMPROVEMENT OF COMMON AND PARKS.

Appropriation		$150 00
EXPENDED.		
J. Zwicker, labor and team . . .	12 25	
H. Litchfield, labor	50	
Orne Green, "	60 25	
F. W. Danforth, painting signs . . .	3 00	
H. R. Johnson, labor and repairs . .	3 05	
Reading Water Works, water rates . .	12 00	
Unexpended	58 95	
	$150 00	$150 00

SWAN ESTATE.

Amount received from rent . . .		$108 00
EXPENDED.		
Repairs, water, rentals, etc. . . .	24 61	
Net income	83 39	
	$108 00	$108 00

INTEREST.

Appropriation	$ 300 00
Amount received from First National Bank, interest on deposits	129 07
Amount received from J. C. Oxley . .	2 68
" " " A. S. Canty . .	18
Amount carried forward	$431 93

Amount brought forward		$431 93
Amount received from L. G. Howard . .		9 32
" " " H. M. Viall (1900)		1,023 57
" " " H. M. Viall (1901)		626 76
" " " H. M. Viall (1902)		103 64

EXPENDED.

Interest on note, temporary loan . .	$453 05	
" " " " " . .	228 12	
" " " " " . .	67 71	
" " " " " . .	199 73	
" " " " " . .	67 71	
" " " " " . .	65 62	
" " " " " . .	67 71	
" " " " " . .	150 00	
" " " " " . .	281 25	
" " " " " . .	91 25	
" " " " " . .	223 13	
" " " " " . .	273 75	
" " " " " . .	41 66	
A. W. Danforth, Sec'y, interest on trust funds	329 98	
Overdrawn		345 45
	$2,540 67	$2,540 67

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Appropriation	$600 00

EXPENDED.

H. M. Viall, Collector, 1900 . . .	$533 41	
H. M. Viall, Collector, 1901 . . .	65 76	
H. M. Viall, Collector, 1902 . . .	81	
Unexpended	02	
	$600 00	$600 00

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES FOR THE YEAR 1902.

READING, DEC. 31st, 1902.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of Reading:—

I submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1902:

	CORRECT.	ADJUSTED.	TOTAL.
No. of scales over 5000 lbs.	3		3
" " " " " "	9	8	17
" " Computing Scales	5		5
" " Small Scales	29	22	51
" " Pan "			
" " Family "	4	1	5
" " Weights	284	28	312
" " Balances	3	1	4
" " Milk Measures	14		14
" " Wet "	41		41
" " Dry "	71	C. D. 1	72
" " Yard "	17		17
" " Bottles right, 4806; Bottles sent back, 142; Condemned, 92;			5040

I have in my charge one set of Brass Scales and Weights, one set of Copper Wine Measures, one nest of Dry Measures, 500 lbs. of 50-lb. Weights and one 10-lb. and one 5-lb.; one set of numbers from 0 up to 9, three letters, two R's and C. D., one glass cutter; all in good order.

Respectfully Yours,

FRANK W. PARKER,

S. of W. and M.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND REPAIRS OF SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation	$3,000 00
Amount received from material sold	13 76
Amount received from N. E. T. & T. Co.	2 10
A portion of amount received from street railway franchise and excise tax	3,205 54

EXPENDED.

Labor and teams	3,127 68	
Labor	2,161 76	
Gravel	429 94	
H. K. Austin, labor and supplies	9 31	
H. R. Johnson, labor and material	6 00	
W. Bancroft & Co., drain pipe and supplies	13 57	
G. H. Atkinson, supplies	2 50	
W. H. Mears, supplies	1 20	
Reading Co-Op. Ass'n, supplies	60	
I. F. Batchelder, supplies	7 43	
American Powder Mills, supplies	29 86	
Amount carried forward	$5,789 85	$6,221 40

Amount brought forward	$5,789 85	$6,221 40
A. W. Temple, labor and supplies	1 93	
E. C. Metcalf, supplies	2 53	
W. F. Cook, stock and labor	75	
Francis Bros., tools and supplies	10 26	
F. Wallace, supplies	1 10	
Ames Plow Co., supplies	3 50	
E. L. Lovejoy, storing roller and scraper	7 00	
T. C. Fife, repairing pumps	11 35	
R. C. Totten, repairs	14 60	
J. Breck & Sons Corporation, tools	12 25	
O. O. Ordway, repairs	26 25	
A. M. Barnard, Est., rent	27 00	
John Muse, edgestones and setting	9 10	
A. V. Hildreth, granite	60 93	
J. R. Camp, granite	11 97	
G. E. Heath, stone	1 50	
J. A. Blunt, repairs	29 77	
C. O. Tay, concreting	81 13	
Samuel Brown, measuring concrete, stone and repairs	7 40	
N. Bancroft, rubber boots	3 00	
F. W. Cail, drain pipe	12 80	
F. H. Parker & Son, expressing	90	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	22 33	
D. Doucette, labor and material	72 20	
	$6,221 40	$6,221 40

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS AND EDGESTONES.

ABUTTERS TO PAY ONE-HALF.

Appropriation		$300 00
Received from Jacob Mitchell		49 74
Received from E. L. Lovejoy		29 58
Amount due from Lyceum Hall Ass'n		8 94
Amount due from Warren E. Eaton		47 35

EXPENDED.

E. B. Richardson, concreting	38 94	
John Muse, edgestones and setting	232 26	
Unexpended	164 41	
	$435 61	$435 61

CONCRETE GUTTERS, CROSSWALKS AND PAVED GUTTERS.

Appropriation		$200 00

EXPENDED.

Labor and teams	$ 62 41	
Labor	134 06	
Hill & Mulooney, concreting	5 00	
C. O. Tay, concreting	92 65	
E. B. Richardson, concreting	99 15	
Overdrawn		193 27
	$393 27	$393 27

REPAIRS OF CONCRETE.

Appropriation		$300 00
A portion of amount received from street railway franchise and excise tax		109 52
EXPENDED.		
E. B. Richardson, concreting . . .	$375 71	
C. O. Tay "	24 21	
G. W. Killorin "	9 60	
	$409 52	$409 52

REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE.

Appropriation		$600 00
A portion of amount received from street railway franchise and excise tax		82 90
EXPENDED.		
Labor and teams	$495 02	
Labor	178 33	
G. H. Atkinson, salt	5 25	
R. C. Totten, repairing snow plow . .	2 00	
Francis Bros., supplies	18	
O. O. Ordway, repairing snow plow . .	2 15	
	$682 90	$682 90

STREET SPRINKLING.

Appropriation		$400 00
EXPENDED.		
John Stock, labor and use of horses . .	$314 83	
Prentiss & Viall, acc't insurance on cart .	3 00	
Amount carried forward	$317 83	$400 00

Amount brought forward	$317 83	$400 00
G. H. Atkinson, sponge	50	
Abbott-Downing Co., repairing water cart	2 50	
Unexpended	79 17	
	$400 00	$400 00

VINE STREET.

(Middlesex Ave. to Mineral St.)

Appropriation		$300 00
EXPENDED.		
D. C. Temple, land damages, as per vote Annual Meeting, March 4, 1901 . .	$300 00	
	$300 00	$300 00

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF STREET RAILWAY TAX.

Unexpended balance		$1,183 37
Amount received in 1902 . . .		2,919 37
EXPENDED.		
Account removal snow and ice . . .	$682 90	
" highways	3,226 04	
" repairs concrete	109 52	
Unexpended	84 28	
	$4,102 74	$4,102 74

NOTE.—The sum of $20.50 for labor, omitted in error, should be added to account Highway Expenditures.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of the Town of Reading:

The Board of Engineers herewith submit their annual report for the year nineteen hundred and two.

During the year the Department responded to 19 bell alarms and one still alarm.

The Department consists of

One Chief Engineer and two Assistant Engineers.

Steamer No. 1, two enginemen.

Hook and Ladder Truck No. 1, twelve men.

Hose No. 1, thirteen men, Central Fire Station.

Hose No. 2, fifteen men, Woburn St.

Hose No. 3, six men, North Main St.

Hose No. 4, six men, Hopkins St.

Hose No. 5, Volunteer Co., Grove St., at Elwin J. Roundy's.

Mr. Leonard T. Eames was reappointed Supt. of Fire Alarm and the system is in good condition, and his report will be found on another page.

The apparatus and buildings are all in good condition.

We have by vote of the Town erected a house for Hose 3 on a lot of land purchased for the Town of Albion G. Nichols, on the east side of North Main St., the deed of which is in the Town Safe,

and we would recommend that the Town appropriate a sum sufficient to place Tower Strikers on houses of Hose No. 3 and 4. This would not only aid the members of the Department in responding to fires but would enable the school children in these localities to get the alarm for no session of schools without having to come to the centre to find out if the alarm has been sounded.

We have by vote of the Town replaced the reel at the Central Station with a new Abbot-Downing wagon, and we have also added a two-horse pung at the Centre House and a one-horse pung at house of Hose 2. The doors voted by the Town have been cut in the Centre House in the rear of the Hook and Ladder Truck, making it possible to drive in from the rear, which is a great improvement.

We have added three new Fire Alarm Boxes this year—Boxes 18, 23 and 67.

If some arrangement can be made by the Town whereby the horses hired for Fire Dept. purposes can be given a preference in the work on the highways, we think it would be the means of saving the Town several hundred dollars.

We have looked into the question of a storage battery for the Fire Alarm System and would recommend that the Town install a storage battery as a means of economy, as the present system is constantly increasing in size and cost, and we believe a storage system would pay for itself in about three years.

The Department for the first time in a number of years held a Field Day, which created a great deal of interest in the Dept. and also among the citizens of the Town, and we believe it would be for the interest of the Town and the Department to make this an Annual Field Day, and would recommend that the expense of same be borne by the Town.

In conclusion, we would thank the members of the Department

and all who have in any way assisted the Department the past year, and especially the Reading Rubber Mills for the free use of steam for the fire whistle.

FRANK G. NICHOLS, *Chief Engineer*,
GEORGE L. PRATT, *Secretary*,
ORVILLE O. ORDWAY, *Ass't Engineer*,
Board of Engineers, Reading Fire Dept.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FIRES FOR THE YEAR 1902.

Date.	Box.	Time.	Owner.	Occupants.	Loss on Building	Ins. on Build'g	Ins. Paid.	Loss on Contents.	Ins. on Cont'ts	Ins. Paid.	Cause and Remarks.
Jan. 9	13	6.15 p. m.	O. P. Symonds & Sons	Akerley Mfg. Co.....	$250	None	None	$750.00	$850	$750.00	Gasolene explosion....
Jan. 26	33	8.00 p. m.									False alarm.....
Mar. 18	39	2.45 p. m.	W. Hinckley.....	W. Hinckley.....	100	None	None	None	None	None	Burning grass.....
May 15	33	6.00 a. m.	Wendell Bancroft.....		Small		None	None	None	None	
June 10	17	11.40 a. m.	J. W. Borthwick.....								
July 3	55	11.45 a. m.	V. H. Grover.....	Unoccupied.....	Small						Incendiary.....
July 4	33	1.05 a. m.									False alarm.....
July 4	36	3.05 a. m.	Frederick Bancroft ..								Incendiary.....
July 17	55	5.55 p. m.	Reading Rubber Mills	Reading Rubber Mills	800	$1000	$800	950.00	1500	950.00	Gasolene explosion.....
Aug. 31	24	4.45 a. m.	Jennie M. Forbes.....	John A. Andrews.....	801	1000	801	497.00	600	497.00	Loose matches.....
Sept. 7	47	10.50 p. m.	J. Freeman.....	J. Freeman.....	Partial	2500		Partial	1000		Unknown.....
Sept. 18	34	2.20 p. m.	B. L. Spiller..... ...	B. L. Spiller.....	60	2200	60	None	800	None	Sparks from chimney..
Sept. 22	36	3.20 p. m.	Emily Rice	Emily Rice.....	350	800			None	None	Oil stove explosion.....
Sept. 29	42	2 10 a. m.	Lester Fielding.....	Lester Fielding.....	Partial	2000		Partial	300		Unknown.....
Sept. 29	64	2.15 a. m.	Lester Fielding.....	Lester Fielding.....							Same fire..... .....
Oct. 6	42	6.15 a. m.	Mrs. F. M. Davis.....	Unoccupied	150	2500					Incendiary. .....
Oct. 13	33	8.55 p. m.									False alarm.....
Nov. 25		10.30 a. m.	L. G. Howard.....	A. P. Brooks.....	Small			Small			Still alarm, ov. oil stove
Nov. 28	42	2.10 a. m.	Mrs. F. M. Davis.....	Unoccupied	Total	2500					Incendiary.....
Nov. 28	64	2.15 a. m.	Mrs. F. M. Davis.....	Unoccupied							Same fire .....
Nov. 30	61	8.23 p. m.	B. & M. El. GateHouse	B. & M. R. R.....	152	250	152	10.50	100	10.50	Overturned lamp.....

The Department has travelled 197 miles. Laid 9,700 feet of hose. Used 660 feet of ladders. Used 27 gallons of chemicals. Served 23½ hours.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Appropriation		$3,600 00
Cash refunded acc't fire alarm . .		49 40

EXPENDED.

F. G. Nichols, salary chief engineer, year ending April 30th, 1902 . . .	$75 00	
G. L. Pratt, salary engineer, Nov. 1st, 1901, to Nov. 1st, 1902	60 00	
C. H. Stinchfield, salary engineer, year ending April 30th, 1902	65 00	
L. T. Eames, salary engineer Steamer 1, year ending Dec. 31st, 1902 . . .	75 00	
Ora L. Milbury, salary ass't engineer Steamer 1, Oct. 1st, 1901, to June 1st, 1902 .	33 33	
W. H. Bancroft, steward Hose 2, year ending Nov. 1st, 1902	65 00	
E. H. Crowe, steward H. & L. No. 1, year ending May 1st, 1902 . . .	35 00	
H. E. McIntire, steward Hose 4, Sept. 1st, 1901, to May 1st, 1902 . . .	20 00	
Firemen's Pay Roll, year ending April 30th, 1902	1,205 91	
C. H. McIntire, horse service . . .	33 75	
S. W. Bowker, " " . . .	200 00	
John Stock, " " . . .	187 50	
E. P. Bancroft, " " . . .	87 50	
J. B. Nichols, " " . . .	3 00	
R. A. White, " " . . .	200 00	
E. E. Nichols, " " . . .	2 50	
Amount carried forward	$2,348 49	$3,649 40

Amount brought forward	$2,348 49	$3,649 40
Parker Nichols, horse serviee . . .	20 00	
G. E. Lang, carriage hire	2 50	
C. J. Haag, care of hose and labor . .	19 00	
C. L. Martin, fuel	20 25	
W. A. Bancroft, coat button, labor and team	12 65	
O. O. Ordway, labor and supplies . .	187 85	
Reading Harness Shop, repairs . . .	30 50	
Vermille & Eames, labor and supplies .	5 12	
P. J. Seaman, repairs	40	
L. T. Eames, labor and supplies . . .	2 86	
O. L. Milbury, labor	2 60	
W. Bancroft & Co., supplies . . .	4 68	
G. H. Atkinson, supplies	8 05	
H. K. Austin, repairs	1 75	
S. S. Bell, Manager, electric light and supplies	14 20	
H. E. Coates, repairs	8 50	
The Boston Coupling Co., supplies . .	36 75	
W. C. Taylor, repairs	1 00	
H. K. Barnes, supplies	1 50	
Francis Bros., supplies	24 50	
F. G. Nichols, labor	4 80	
F. W. Danforth, repairs and painting wagon	41 50	
E. C. Metcalf, supplies	1 11	
F. O. Dewey, supplies	5 00	
W. F. Cook, labor and material . . .	7 61	
N. W. McIntire, labor	18 24	
J. B. Sutherland, supplies	2 25	
F. H. Parker & Son, expressing . . .	10 90	
Reading Water Works, water rates . .	9 00	
Amount carried forward	$2,853 46	$3,649 40

Amount brought forward	$2,853 56	$3,649 40
W. H. Wightman, insurance	15 50	
C. K. Littlefield, care of flag	2 00	
C. O. Tay, concreting	4 00	
A. S. Cook & Co., dry goods	50	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing	5 25	
J. H. Orr, police duty (special)	1 00	
	$2,881 81	

FIRE ALARM.

EXPENDED.

L. T. Eames, salary Supt. fire alarm, year ending Dec. 31st, 1902	$100 02	
A. B. Matthews, horse hire	26 50	
M. Merrill, labor	3 75	
J. W. Gleason, labor	23 80	
John A. Boyd, labor	10 00	
T. J. Whall, labor and supplies	12 31	
Vermille & Eames, labor and supplies	121 08	
Beattie Zinc Works, supplies	173 30	
Francis Bros., supplies	3 01	
Boston Electric Co., supplies	1 07	
Crosby Steam Guage & Valve Co., supplies	24 75	
F. W. Cramphorn & Co., supplies	1 30	
W. Bancroft & Co., supplies	2 05	
G. L. Pratt, supplies	1 90	
Electric Gas Lighting Co., supplies	2 00	
G. M. Stevens Co., supplies	278 78	
F. H. Parker & Son, expressing	75	
T. C. Fife, labor and supplies	1 89	
L. T. Eames, labor and supplies	13 55	
	$801 81	
Overdrawn		$34 22
	$3,683 62	$3,683 62

FOREST FIRES.

Appropriation		$150 00
EXPENDED.		
George Lampro, salary, May 1, 1901, to May 1, 1902	$15 00	
Jason Zwicker, salary, May 1, 1901, to May 1, 1902	15 00	
W. A. Bancroft, salary, May 1, 1901, to May 1, 1902	15 00	
A. G. Nichols, salary, May 1, 1901, to May 1, 1902	15 00	
W. A. Bancroft, repairs	2 00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing notices	3 50	
C. A. Frost, cans	7 80	
The National M'f'g Co., Johnson Pumps	21 00	
Labor	24 63	
Unexpended	31 07	
	$150 00	$150 00

HOUSE AND LAND (HOSE 3) MAIN ST.

Appropriation		$1,300 00
EXPENDED.		
A. G. Nichols, land	$150 00	
Simon Porter, labor and material	1,097 50	
W. H. Wightman, insurance	7 50	
Vermille & Eames, electric wiring	20 07	
James A. Bancroft, survey and plan	3 50	
Francis Bros., stove pipe and axe	3 20	
Parker Nichols, grading	25 00	
Reading Water Works, piping and supplies	23 73	
Overdrawn		30 50
	$1,330 50	$1,330 50

ENTRANCE TO TOWN BUILDING (HOOK AND LADDER NO. 1.)

Appropriation		$100 00
EXPENDED.		
Frank Castine, labor	$1 75	
Ferdinand Chusong, labor	5 64	
R. A. White, labor and team . . .	19 81	
A. B. Day, gravel	3 84	
H. R. Johnson, labor and material . .	105 00	
Overdrawn		36 04
	$136 04	$136 04

HOSE WAGON.

Appropriation		$450 00
EXPENDED.		
Abbott-Downing Co., hose wagon . .	450 00	
	$450 00	$450 00

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM.

READING, JAN. 1ST, 1903.

To the Board of Fire Engineers of the Reading Fire Department:

I submit the following report:

There has been added to the system during the year, 1 tapper at O. O. Ordway's; 3 fire alarm boxes.

No. 18—Park Ave., cor. Minot St.

No. 23—Woburn and Temple Sts.

No. 67—Cor. High St. and Middlesex Ave.

This makes a system of 39 miles of wire; one repeater; one steam whistle; 2 tower strikers; 13 house tappers; 148 jars of battery; 31 boxes, located as follows:—

13—Cor. of Ash and Avon Sts.

15—Cor. Walnut St. and Summer Ave.

16—Main, near South St.

17—Lincoln St., near R. R. depot.

18—Park Ave., Cor. Minot St.

23—Woburn and Temple Sts.

24—Mineral St., near High.

25—Prospect St., near King.

26—Hose 2 house, Woburn St.
27—Summer Ave., south of Prescott St.
28—West St., near Dewhurst's store.
29—Cor. West and King Sts.
32—Franklin St., opp. second house from Grove.
33—Lowell St., Eastern Rubber Co. Works.
34—Cor. Grove and Forest Sts.
35—Cor. Main and Locust Sts.
36—Cor. Bancroft Ave. and Locust St.
37—Main St., near Brooks Nichols'.
39—Cor. Franklin and Main Sts.
42—Cor. John and Haven Sts.
44—Cor. Salem and Pearl Sts.
45—Cor. Salem and Belmont Sts.
46—Cor. Charles and Pearl Sts.
47—Cor. Haverhill and Charles Sts.
55—Reading Rubber Mills.
61—Cor. Main and Washington Sts.
62—Cor. Main and Haven Sts.
63—Congregational Church.
64—Central Fire Station.
65—Cor. Bancroft and Middlesex Aves.
67—Cor. High St. and Middlesex Ave.

I would recommend that the Town put in a storage battery. The cost of supplies for storage is less than one-half as much as the old gravity, the same as the Town have now.

Yours respectfully,

LEONARD T. EAMES,

Supt. of Fire Alarm.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation		$2,600 00
Amount received from 4th District Court fines		40 00
Amount received from House of Correction Master		3 00

EXPENDED.

F. D. Merrill, salary to Dec. 31st, 1902 .	$795 00	
J. H. Orr, salary to Dec. 31st, 1902 . .	795 00	
W. H. Manning, salary to Dec. 31st, 1902	615 00	
Henry Stock, salary	201 43	
Robert Powers, special police . . .	166 00	
W. H. Manning, special police . . .	10 95	
Samuel Brown, special police . . .	7 50	
W. A. Bancroft, special police . . .	2 75	
John Stock, special police . . .	3 25	
Chester W. MacDougall, special police .	19 01	
Frank W. Davis, special police . .	3 25	
W. J. Allen, special police . . .	4 13	
J. J. Cullinane, special police . . .	2 50	
E. L. Lovejoy, special police . . .	3 00	
Amount carried forward	$2,628 77	$2,643 00

Amount brought forward	$2,628 77	$2,643 00
Jason Zwicker, special police	11 75	
O. H. Brown, special police	2 50	
J. H. Orr, extra duty	3 25	
F. D. Merrill, miscellaneous expenses	11 00	
F. D. Merrill, use of horse	25 00	
G. L. Flint, labor	6 00	
O. O. Ordway, labor and material	80	
H. R. Johnson, repairing lockup	1 94	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, special posters	4 00	
F. W. Barry, Beale & Co., books	1 60	
T. F. Hannaford, broom	40	
Francis Bros., hardware	2 56	
S. H. Davis, hardware	1 44	
M. C. Warren & Co., hardware	88	
N. E. Tel & Tel. Co., telephone rent	60 59	
Samuel Brown, signs	1 10	
R. Masstrangialo, 2 gross buttons, helmet and numbers	17 15	
G. E. Lang, transportation of prisoner	30	
F. H. Martin, meals for prisoners	10 25	
F. H. Parker & Son, expressing	1 55	
American Ex. Co., expressing	75	

EXPENSE ACCOUNT

MURDER OF MARY J. WEINBERG.

F. D. Merrill, expense	12 47	
G. E. Lang, carriage hire	1 50	
R. A. White, carriage hire	3 00	
Overdrawn		167 55
	$2,810 55	$2,810 55

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE.

READING, JAN. 1ST, 1903.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of Reading :

GENTLEMEN: — I have the honor to submit herewith, my ninth annual report of the condition and doings of the Police Department, for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1902.

This department at present consists of the following:

Chief	1
Patrolmen	2
Reserves	9
Total	12
Number of arrests for the year	47
Arrested on warrants	19
Arrested without warrants	28
	47
Males	42
Females	5
Americans	28
Foreigners	19
Residents	30

Non Residents	16
No residence	1
Adults	37
Minors	10

CAUSES OF ARREST.

Assault	4
Adultery	1
Arrested for other officers	3
Bastardy	1
Drunkenness	23
Disturbing the peace	1
Insane	2
Injured while drunk	1
Larceny	8
Non-support	1
Receiving stolen goods	1
Threats	1
	47

DISPOSITION OF CASES.

Committed to jail	2
Committed for non-payment of fine	1
Committed to hospitals	3
Discharged	4
Defaulted	1
Delivered to other officers	3
Held for Grand Jury	1
Paid fines	14
Placed on file	13
Sentenced to House of Correction	5
	47

MISCELLANEOUS WORK OF DEPT.

Accidents reported	6
Buildings found open	83
Cases investigated	92
Dead bodies found	4
Defective hydrants and water pipes	5
Defective streets and sidewalks	14
Disturbances suppressed	7
Dogs killed	19
Defective electric wires	6
Fires extinguished without an alarm	1
Glass in alarm boxes found broken	3
Horses killed	1
Lost children restored	1
Lanterns hung in dangerous places	455
Sick and injured persons assisted	2
Stray teams put up	3
Stolen property reported (value)	$25 60
Stolen property recovered "	$5 00
Officers at fires	44
Officers in Court (days)	77
Requests for officers	51
Vacant houses looked after	3
Notices served	89
Number of lodgers put up	443

At the annual Town meeting in March an appropriation of ($75.00) seventy-five dollars was made for a steel cell for women, which has been procured and set up.

An overdraw on our appropriation is largely due to the unfortunate occurrence of a murder October 29th, on Haverhill St., which, in establishing the identity of the victim, and the effort to apprehend the perpetrator of the crime, was of necessity quite ex-

pensive, a recurrence of which is liable at any time. Regretting that the murderer has not yet been found, I will say that we have not abandoned hope and are still "on the hunt."

No other crimes of a serious nature have occurred this year, but with the opening and operation of the new Reading and Boston electric line, which will make Reading the second largest electric railroad centre in New England, and a sort of dumping ground, I feel that it would be wise for the people of Reading to take measures to properly protect the interests of the town by making an appropriation sufficient to warrant the employment of a day patrolman. For, as a matter of course, the more people coming into Reading the greater amount of lawlessness, and the Chief will of necessity be oftener in Court, or otherwise out of town in his official capacity.

The relations of your officers one with another have been pleasant in every particular, and from the fact that no burglars, highway robbers or "Jack the Sluggers" have operated here is evidence that they have been vigilant.

In conclusion, please accept thanks for your kindness and consideration of me, which I fully appreciate.

I also thank the officers, both regular and reserve, for their hearty co-operation and readiness to help and advise in many perplexing duties. To the Judges and Clerks of the District and Superior Courts I wish to express my gratitude for their ever ready counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERIC D. MERRILL,

Chief of Police.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

To the Citizens of Reading:

The Board of Health herewith submit their annual report:

Cases of contagious diseases		326
Diptheria	17	
Measles	294	
Scarlet fever	9	
Small pox	1	
Typhoid fever	5	
Number of fumigations		149
Complaints investigated		8
Dead animals buried		2
Certificates to re-enter school		318
Free vaccinations		55
Plumbers examined		1
Permits to do plumbing		85
Permits to lay drains		48
Drains inspected by Sec'y		48

Respectfully submitted,

CALVERT H. PLAYDON, *Chairman*,
GEORGE L. FLINT,
FREDERIC D. MERRILL, *Secretary*,
Board of Health.

READING, JAN. 1st, 1903.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Appropriation		$600 00

EXPENDED.

G. S. Tukey, salary Inspector of Plumbing	$300 00	
G. S. Tukey, labor fumigating . . .	19 50	
American Express Co., expressing . .	3 00	
Cummings Express, " . . .	8 20	
Melvin & Badger, repairs and disinfectants	11 20	
Red Cross Chemical Co., disinfectants .	23 50	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing notices, blanks, certificates, etc. . . .	30 75	
L. G. Howard, rent Jan. 1 to June 30, 1902	60 00	
H. B. Howard, rent July 1 to Dec. 31, 1902	60 00	
Dr. B. F. Davenport, professional services	25 00	
Dr. E. D. Richmond, services vaccinating .	32 00	
W. H. Willis, vaccine and shields . .	2 40	
Bowker Chemical Co., chemicals . .	3 91	
Francis Bros., supplies	1 60	
Mollie Lamprey, labor	2 50	
J. F. Turner, under payment . . .	15	
F. D. Merrill, sundry expenses . . .	3 00	
*F. D. Merrill, salary Sec'y Board of Health	50 00	
Overdrawn		36 71
	$636 71	$636 71

*This amount should have been included in Salaries of Town Officers.

PLUMBING.

To the Honorable Board of Health of the Town of Reading:

GENTLEMEN:—I respectfully submit to you the following report of duty performed from Jan. 1st, 1902, to Jan. 1st, 1903:

Applications filed	85
Calls made	214
Water closets trapped	43
Bath tubs "	27
Bowls "	35
Sinks "	74
Trays "	37
Slop hoppers "	1
Carriage washers	1
Alterations	9
Repairs	7
Examinations, master plumber	1

All work has been inspected, tested, and left in safe and satisfactory condition.

I thank the Secretary, also the Board, the craft, and all concerned, for kind co-operation rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. TUKEY, *Inspector.*

JAN. 1ST, 1903.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND PROVISIONS.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit to you my report for year ending Jan. 1, 1903.

During Sept. word was received from the State Board of Agriculture Cattle Bureau, Dr. Austin Peters, Chief, to make a thorough inspection of all cattle, sheep and swine kept within the town limits. This was completed about Nov. 15, to which time a thorough and impartial inspection was made. Cattle which showed evidence of contagious disease in any form were quarantined and afterwards destroyed.

Shortly after this inspection was completed I was again informed that Foot and Mouth Disease had made its appearance in several sections of Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Vermont, and again ordered to make a thorough search for symptoms of this malady.

Notices were placed in public places describing symptoms that all farmers and stock owners may become familiar and report same to the proper authorities.

The dairies from which our milk supply comes from have been carefully watched and up to the present time, am pleased to say, no cases have been found.

The slaughter houses have been watched and markets inspected from time to time and articles which were deemed unfit were destroyed.

I wish also to thank the farmers and stockmen for the renewed interest which they have taken and are taking with their stock and stables.

Several have been greatly improved since last years' inspection, which means better products and better health to our people.

Trusting this good work will continue, I remain

Yours truly,

CALVERT H. PLAYDON, M. D. V.

Jan. 1, 1903.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF LAUREL HILL CEMETERY.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We have nothing new to report. The general work has been kept up but we have been unable to institute any new improvements with the appropriation given for the year.

The curved edgestone provided for the previous year was set in the spring, and an iron fence has displaced the wooden one on the right at the main entrance at the High School. We hope the coming year to be able to complete all the curved edgestone we have had in consideration.

The terms of Alfred W. Danforth and Henry T. Leavis expire this year. There is also the unexpired term of our late colleague, Edward F. Brooks, to be filled.

We recommend that the sum of $1000 be raised and appropriated for the work in the cemetery this year.

GALEN A. PARKER, *Chairman.*
A. W. DANFORTH, *Secretary.*
ALDEN BATCHELDER,
W. E. TWOMBLY,
HENRY T. LEAVIS,

Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Addenda.

Omitted from Cemetery Account $462.75, making unexpended balance $462.94.

LAUREL HILL CEMETERY.

Appropriation		$900 00
Amount received from sale of lots		375 00

EXPENDED.

F. Wallace, tools and grass seed	$ 3 25	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing	3 00	
A. W. Danforth, shrubs, flowers and lawn mower	37 00	
Chas. Ingram, loam and sod	11 20	
J. Zwicker, fertilizer	36 75	
C. H. Swain, dressing	6 00	
M. D. Jones & Co., signs and posts	74 10	
J. A. Bancroft, surveying	3 00	
W. B. Jeffrey & Co., urns and plants	13 00	
B. Perry & Son, granite curbing	9 00	
O. O. Ordway, repairing tools	2 00	
E. T. Barnum, fence	140 35	
Francis Bros., supplies	1 70	
Labor	370 46	
Labor and teams	564 00	
Unexpended	19	
	$1,275 00	$1,275 00

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

We respectfully submit the following report of the valuation of real and personal property assessed in the town of Reading during the year 1902, and also some other data of interest.

Value of real estate		$3,950,218 00
Value of personal property, not including resident National Bank stock	$448,696 00	
Resident National Bank stock	37,300 00	
Total value of personal property		$485,996 00
Total value of real and personal property		$4,436,214 00
Increase in value of real estate	$56,062 00	
Increase in value of personal property	15,864 00	
Value of buildings excluding land	$2,462,410 00	
Value of land excluding buildings	1,487,808 00	
Total tax assessed on polls and estates May 1		$82,927 88
Tax assessed on polls since May 1		20 00
Non-resident National Bank tax		228 60
Street railway excise tax		1,362 59
Total taxes assessed in 1902		$84,539 07

Rate of taxation $18.00 per thousand.

Total number of persons assessed on property	1446
Total number of persons assessed a poll tax only	844
Number of polls May 1, 1902	1538
Number of polls added since	10
Total polls	1548
Increase in 1902	45
Number of horses	475
" " cows	331
" " neat cattle	45
" " sheep	5
" " swine	56
" " dwellings	1258
" " new dwellings	10
" " acres of land	5734

EDWARD F. PARKER,
J. H. ADDEN,
W. WALLACE DAVIS,

Assessors.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

H. M. VIALL, *Collector*,

To Town of Reading

Dr.

To am't collected after abatement acc't 1899		$ 16 57	
To uncollected taxes	1900	12,238 66	
" " "	1901	31,846 51	
" committed list	1902	82,927 88	
" additional list	1902	20 00	
" excise tax	1902	1,362 59	
" interest collected	1900	1,023 57	
" " "	1901	626 76	
" " "	1902	103 64	
			$130,166 18

Cr.

By cash paid E. F. Parker, Treas, acc't abatement		$ 16 57	
By cash paid E. F. Parker, Treas.,	1900	13,025 00	
" " " " " "	1901	19,900 00	
" " " " " "	1902	56,075 00	
" " " " " "	1902		
excise tax		1,362 59	
" uncollected taxes	1900	237 23	
" " "	1901	12,573 27	
" " "	1902	26,976 52	
			$130,166 18

H. M. VIALL, *Collector.*

Reading, Jan. 19, 1903.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Reading:

We respectfully submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1902.

TOWN HOME.

Total number of inmates during the year	7
Died during the year	1
Number discharged	1
Number at present time	5

While the number of inmates at the Town Home remains the same as last year, we have had during the year two additions, losing one by death and one discharged, and with these exceptions the work at the Home has been the same as last year.

Our calls for aid from those outside the Town Home have been very materially increased, and with the advance in prices in many of the necessities of life, especially coal, accounts for this increase in the expense of that portion of the Poor Department. Our financial statement follows, to which we invite your attention for the disbursements of this department in detail.

GEORGE A. SHACKFORD,
WM. I. RUGGLES,
JOHN F. TURNER,
Overseers of the Poor.

TOWN HOME.

INMATES.

John O. Dane, died Oct. 12, 1902	Aged 81 years
James Hunter	" 59 "
Wm. S. Pease	" 72 "
Henry W. Weston	" 54 "
Margaret Sullivan, discharged Apr. 16, 1902. Readmitted Apr. 28, 1902; discharged May 20, 1902; readmitted Oct. 13, 1902.	" 68 "
Chas. H. Ballard, admitted Feb. 15, 1902. Discharged Apr. 28, 1902; readmitted Nov. 29, 1902.	" 56 "
Daniel F. Grant, admitted May 7, 1902. Discharged May 28, 1902.	" 54 "

PERSONAL PROPERTY AT TOWN HOME.

JAN. 1, 1903.

Live stock	$380 00	
Hay and grain	52 35	
Wagons, sleighs and sleds	181 00	
Manure	39 50	
Harnesses, blankets, etc.	78 40	
Farming tools and implements	183 40	
Barrels, boxes and baskets	34 74	
Fuel	47 50	
Beds, bedding, etc.	81 92	
Household furniture and supplies	457 97	
Provisions and supplies	221 54	
2 snow plows	20 00	
		$1,778 32

TOWN HOME.

RECEIPTS.

Amount received from sale of milk	$11 22
Amount received from sale of eggs	34 74
Amount received from sale of poultry	24 81
Amount received from sale of calves	17 80
Amount received from sale of apples	27 57
Amount received from sale of vegetables	3 25
Amount received from sale of gravel	30
Amount received from sale of loam	5 00
Amount received from sale of old lumber	50
Amount received from labor, removing snow, etc.	66 57
Amount received from sale of wood	21 50
Amount received from sale of vinegar	40
Amount received from N. Bancroft (refund)	1 00
Amount received from Town of Arlington account of D. F. Grant	13 23
Amount received from distributing Town Reports (1900)	10 00
Amount received from distributing Town Reports (1901)	10 00
Amount received from distributing brown tail moth circulars	7 00
Amount received from W. F. Burnham, board	136 76
Amount due from W. F. Burnham	19 24
Amount carried forward	$410 89

Amount brought forward		$410 89
EXPENDED.		
J. F. Burnham, salary	$499 92	
J. F. Burnham, standing grass and sundry expenses	64 40	
Maggie McLoud, wages	50 09	
Mary Fox, wages	121 00	
C. L. Martin, fuel	69 25	
W. I. Ruggles, fuel	26 25	
W. Bancroft, fuel and labor	47 80	
C. D. Wells, horse shoeing	7 00	
T. C. Fife, labor and supplies	6 41	
Francis Bros., hardware and labor	23 82	
W. C. Taylor, repairing harness	6 10	
O. O. Ordway, repairs	5 35	
A. Hodson, repairs	9 75	
C. K. Littlefield, repairs	75	
E. Wight, labor and material	4 04	
A. A. Pratt, labor	5 00	
W. A. Hunter, repairing shoes	1 00	
N. Bancroft, repairing shoes	1 00	
N. Bancroft Est., boots and repairs	5 75	
A. L. Hibbert, trimming trees	5 00	
F. Wallace, grain and groceries	212 73	
G. H. Atkinson, grain and groceries	182 96	
Reading Co-op. Ass'n, grain and groceries	148 44	
W. H. Mears, grain and groceries	138 04	
E. L. Chamberlain, vegetables	60	
E. B. Stewart, crackers	20 36	
R. L. Smith, meat and provisions	86 51	
Amount carried forward	$1,749 32	$410 89

Amount brought forward	$1,749 32	$410 89
Berry & Rich, meat and provisions	37 70	
W. Taylor, meat and provisions	39 51	
G. E. Shervanian & Co., meat and vegetables	1 20	
H. W. Plummer, extracts	5 85	
T. Ovans, fish	55 19	
E. E. Nichols, ice	14 00	
Reading Water Works, water rates	42 75	
F. G. MacDonald, dry goods	6 03	
A. S. Cook & Co., dry goods	8 60	
E. C. Metcalf, crockery and supplies	15 90	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, advertising	25	
C. R. Henderson, medical services	19 00	
G. F. Dow, medical services	7 50	
W. H. Willis, medicine	6 00	
C. W. Leonard, disinfectant	5 00	
Edgerley & Bessom, burial expense J. O. Dane	43 00	
Carried to Poor Account		$1,645 91
	$2,056 80	$2,056 80

POOR OUT OF TOWN HOME.

EXPENDED.

Waldo J. Bessey, medicine and physician's services	$ 28 35	
Wm. H. Burnham and family, supplies and physician's services	235 56	
Matilda Coulter and family, supplies	7 50	
Amount carried forward	$271 41	

Amount brought forward	$271 41	
Joel O. Cederberg and family, supplies	81 80	
Elizabeth Campbell and family, supplies	102 28	
Geo. H. Daland and family, supplies	36 88	
John H. Daland and family, supplies	159 80	
W. T. Eames and family, rent and supplies	173 00	
Mary J. Freeman, rent and supplies	53 80	
Lester Fielding, fuel	1 00	
Charles C. Green, supplies and burial expenses	32 11	
Jane Green, supplies	1 82	
Wm. Leonard and family, rent	70 00	
Miscellaneous expenses	7 50	
Hugh A. McKensie, supplies	4 00	
Everett C. Parker and family, rent and supplies	145 22	
Everett C. Parker, burial expenses	30 00	
Elizabeth H. Porter, supplies	155 23	
Mary T. Roach and family, supplies	57 78	
George A. Stratton and family, supplies	9 25	
Margaret Sullivan, supplies	19 50	
Peter Surrette, supplies	3 95	
Theresa M. Walsh and family, supplies	101 85	
Elmira Weston, supplies	94 00	
Lizzie Weichman, medical aid	5 00	
Carried to Poor Account	———	$1,617 18

HOSPITAL ACCOUNT.

Danvers Insane Hospital.		
Henry C. Brown, board	$169 46	
Josephine Devine, board	169 45	
Amount carried forward	$338 91	

Amount brought forward	$338 91	
Ernest Heselton, board	169 45	
Mary P. Foley, board	169 45	
Alice S. Isbell, board	169 46	
Sumner McAllister, board	169 46	
Olive P. Roundy, board	169 45	
Worcester Insane Hospital.		
Henry S. Buck, board	169 46	
Massachusetts School for Feeble Minded.		
Harry L. Fielding, board and burial expenses	41 57	
Massachusetts Home for Dipsomaniacs and Inebriates.		
George E. Skinner, board	84 50	
Carried to Poor Account	———	1,481 71

TRAMP ACCOUNT.

Frederick Wallace, crackers	$5 55	
Carried to Poor Account	———	5 55

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In account with the Town of Reading.

Amount due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts		353 90
Charged in 1901 account Norman Meuse and family		71 00
EXPENDED.		
Annie Melonson, fuel and groceries	$31 20	
Norman Meuse and family, fuel, provisions, nursing, medicine, and physician's services	372 45	
Mary Babine, physician's services	15 00	
Bridget Greeley, fuel	3 25	
Annie Burke, fuel	3 00	
	$424 90	$424 90

A portion of Norman Meuse account will come upon the Town of Reading.

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF CITY OF WALTHAM.

Amount due from City of Waltham .		$105 00
EXPENDED.		
Mrs. Frank A. Carey and family, supplies	$105 00	
	$105 00	$105 00

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF CITY OF MELROSE.

Amount due from City of Melrose .		$18 00
EXPENDED.		
Peter Ainsworth and family, fuel . .	18 00	
	$18 00	$18 00

PAID ACCOUNT OF CITY OF WOBURN.

Amount due from City of Woburn .		$25 15
EXPENDED.		
Robert C. Smith and family, groceries, provisions and fuel	$25 15	
	$25 15	$25 15

PAID ACCOUNT MARY JANE WEINBURG FOUND DEAD IN WOODS OFF HAVERHILL ST.

No appropriation.

Geo. E. Pierce, burial expenses . . .	$32 00
S. H. Parks, medical services . . .	1 50
	$33 50

The Board is making an effort to collect the above named amount.

SUMMARY.

Appropriation		$4,000 00
Amount received account misc. exp.		5 00

EXPENDED.

Net expenses Town Home	$1,645 91	
Poor out of Town Home	1,617 18	
Hospital account	1,481 71	
Tramp account	5 55	
Overdrawn		745 35
	$4,750 35	$4,750 35

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen: — I have the honor of submitting to you my second annual report, with reference to the work that has been done in my department during the last year.

The work was increased very materially by the request made by our citizens at the last Annual Town Meeting, in which they requested that the Tree Warden use all means possible to exterminate the Brown Tail Moth, and also issue a circular in reference to the moth's habits and the methods of extermination.

I have had numerous requests for the planting of trees, and one or two requests for the replacing of some trees that were injured by horses gnawing them, or by being run into by careless driving. As no money was provided for either of these purposes, I could not give them the attention that perhaps they should have had.

REMOVAL OF TREES.

Last year I reported to you the removal of nine (9) trees and the calling of three hearings. This year the same number of hearings have been called and the following trees have been removed.

(1) One Rock Maple opposite the property of the Old South Church.

(1) One Willow opposite the property of Mr. W. K. Pierce, Prescott st.

(1) One Cherry opposite the property of Mr. W. K. Temple, Prospect st.

(1) One Cherry opposite the property of Mrs. Abbie Cummings, Temple st.

(2) Two Horse Chestnuts opposite the property of Mr. L. J. Bacigalupo, Reading Square.

(1) One Cherry opposite the property of Mr. A. W. Temple, Temple st.

(2) Two Maples opposite the property of Mr. R. F. Loring, Temple st.

(1) One Maple opposite the property of the late Mr. R. N. Temple, Summer ave.

All of the above trees were petitioned to be removed by the abutter and hearings were called. After being properly advertised permission was granted for the removal, excepting in the case of the Maple opposite the Temple Estate. This is one of the trees that I did not grant permission for its removal and so notified the petitioner within twenty-four hours after my hearing. But before waiting for my decision they had removed so much of the tree as to disfigure it in such a manner that it was best for the street that it should be entirely removed. This was done entirely on their own responsibility.

TRIMMING.

This is a matter that should be attended to, but to do it properly would require at least $300.

The Electric Light Board requested me to remove certain limbs that interfered with the rays of the Arc Lights. This was done and a portion of the town was covered, costing in the vicinity of $100, and, as far as I know, has met with the approval of the Board.

GENERAL HEALTH OF TREES.

One of the worst menaces we have to our street trees at the present time is the electric wires owned by the Electric Railway and the Municipal Light Plant. These different companies have in every case, when requested, insulated all wires that have in any way become exposed. But in spite of their willingness to insulate, the insulation will wear off and on a damp day or evening the damage done in a little while will take years to mend, and in many instances the tree is absolutely worthless. Frequently the insulation used is a porcelain knob about two by three inches. This knob in almost every case is attached to the tree by passing a wire through the knob and around the limb. As the limb grows the wire is drawn closer to the limb and consequently the limb girdled in such a manner that sooner or later it is broken off by an ice storm or by its own weight. The only and the most practical insulation for the protection of trees, is what is called the Tree Insulator or an insulator made out of wood about 18x24 in. in length. This is attached to the wire and not to the tree. What is absolutely necessary for the welfare of our trees is that all Electric Railway and Electric Light wires, that are within 6 inches of a limb whether the wire is drawn tight or not, shall be insulated at the expense of the different companies.

In regard to the injury caused by the Brown Tail Moth. The work last spring was done very thoroughly but in spite of this the moth is about as thick as ever. The cause of this is not from the lack of good work done last spring, but as long as the towns about us have the moth, and, as is the case in one or two instances, nothing is done to kill the pest, we are bound to have it more or less in our community, and the only way to do is to fight it incessantly.

The total number of moths' nests removed last year was in the vicinity of (19,000) nineteen thousand, and the expense incurred was in the vicinity of $200, making an average cost of removing the

nests practically one cent each. When we take, for example, the damage done by this pest and the Gypsy Moth at Oak Grove Station last summer, we can congratulate ourselves that we have got along with so little expense, and at the same time protected our trees.

About (1500) fifteen hundred moths were removed from the town property and the remaining (17,500) seventeen thousand five hundred from private property. All expense in this work has been borne by the town. The town should not bear the entire expense, in fact none of it, excepting what is actually incurred in removing the moths from its own trees.

FUTURE PLANTING.

As stated in the beginning of my report no planting has been done by this Department on account of lack of funds.

The Woman's Club and the Amateur Gardeners' Society did some planting last year and although their work was small, still it was a beginning and good results will surely follow.

The question naturally arises, if we want to improve our village where is the money coming from? Who is going to supply it, etc.? In answer to the above queries, the following suggestion seems to me a plausible one, and if properly handled by the different parties interested is sure to succeed.

Let the different organizations that are organized for various purposes, appoint committees and have them consult each other, talk the matter over, and if possible form some society that will have for its aim the general improvement of the town.

Let it begin its good work, with such assistance as the Tree Warden may give it, in the centre of our town. The Common should be the first example and there is no place today that is so conspicuous or that is going to be so prominent as this spot. We

are all aware of the crowds that assemble in our Square on pleasant Sundays, holidays, etc., waiting and transferring for and to the incoming and outgoing electric cars, and we are also aware of tha fact that the crowds will be greatly increased when the additional new lines are opened this coming spring.

The amount of pleasure derived by our citizens and those going through our town from our Common will be evidenced by an afternoon or evening's walk and witnessing the number that are sitting and lying around during a warm afternoon or a sultry evening.

Let the matter of a playground drop for the present. We need a public building more than we do this, where all of the town offices will be centered and our annual rental account stopped. Suppose for example, we are able in the future to acquire the Old South Church property standing as it does at the head of the Common, an ideal place for a public building. Supposing also, as we make improvements in the way of planting, that the value of our property increases, as well as our population, to such an extent that our present High School building cannot accommodate the pupils. We will hope then that the building will be removed from its present situation and the site it now occupies used for a public library. Then comes an opportunity for making a beautiful entrance to our cemetery. A little chapel near where the old tomb is now would not be out of place. With these buildings properly placed in conjunction with the planting that would be about the Common, we would have a setting in the centre of our town that we could be proud of.

Our present Town Building should be covered with vines and in addition to their flowers, their long festoons of foliage with their rich autumnal coloring would give the building a finish that it does not have at present.

The yard east and south of the Town Building, which is used for a storage place by the water department and a place for refuse

matter, should have a border plantation of rapid growing shrubs and small trees to shut out the unsightly collection of material that is bound to collect in such a place.

Now as to the material to do the planting with, I would suggest that the Town lay aside a small portion of land at the Town Farm in which to establish a small nursery. Have this nursery cared for by the keeper of the farm with the assistance of such inmates of the farm as are able to do manual labor, and have the entire matter under the care of the Tree Warden, Selectmen, or such other competent persons as the town may elect. Fifty to seventy-five dollars will buy plants enough, if proper varieties are selected, planted next spring and allowed to grow for two years, to plant all of the territory I have mentioned. In the meantime an organization that would be started by the different committees, as before stated, could by giving lectures, getting up entertainments and by personal solicitation, get money enough together to cover the cost of the necessary preparation of beds, planting, etc.

I thank you for the courtesies you have shown me, and remain,

Yours respectfully,

A. CHANDLER MANNING,

Tree Warden.

TOWN OF READING.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

WATER COMMISSIONERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1902.

OFFICERS OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT.

Commissioners.

HENRY R. JOHNSON, *Chairman* .	Term expires 1904
EDWARD B. DRAKE	" " 1903
EARLE H. GOWING, ...	" " 1905

Superintendent and Registrar.

LEWIS M. BANCROFT.

Engineer at Pumping Station.

FRANK F. STROUT.

Assistant Engineer.

ALBION G. NICHOLS.

OFFICE OF WATER BOARD.

Room 2, Masonic Block.

OFFICE HOURS:

8.30 to 11 A. M., 2.30 to 4 P. M., except Saturday.

Saturday: 8.30 to 12 M., 7.30 to 9 P. M.

To the Citizens of Reading:

The thirteenth annual report of the Board of Water Commissioners is respectfully submitted.

The vote of the Town at the Annual Town Meeting, instructing the Commissioners to lay water pipe on Summer Avenue, Ash and Brook Streets, has been carried out.

MAINTENANCE.

Received rent of office		$66 00
Fines and summons		6 49
Paid L. M. Bancroft, salary	$1,200 00	
L. A. Holden	159 00	
Geo. D. Putnam, labor	56 86	
S. S. Bell, manager, electric lights	28 64	
Harley Prentiss, stamped envelopes	78 10	
The Borstols Co., gauge charts	1 66	
Engineering News	5 00	
Engineering Record	5 00	
Reading Masonic Temple Corp., rent	130 16	
Car fares	12 64	
Wendell Bancroft & Co., lumber	2 50	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing	31 25	
F. H. Parker & Son, express	50	
N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co.	48 48	
Hobbs, Warren Co., cases	4 00	
Francis Bros.	2 05	
Joseph Breck & Sons Corp.	1 00	
American Express Co.	1 05	
Chandler & Farquhar	75	
Office, Bank and Library Co., case	16 50	
Amount carried forward	$1,785 14	$72 49

Amount brought forward	$1,785 14	$72 49
J. A. Murphy, rep. clock	1 00	
Geo. H. Atkinson	10	
B. & M. R. R., freight	26	
Balance		1,714 01
	$1,786 50	$1,786 50

PUMPING STATION MAINTENANCE.

Received for rent of house		$180 00
Received for junk sold and telephone		5 30
Paid Frank F. Strout, engineer	$1,203 10	
Chas. H. Stinchfield, labor	55 34	
Geo. D. Putnam, labor	56 00	
J. W. Killam, labor	12 00	
E. M. Burrell, labor	8 75	
S. S. Bell, manager, electric lights	15 64	
J. F. Freeman & Co., rep. pumps	253 95	
A. W. Harris Oil Co., oils	31 35	
Eagle Oil & Supply Co., oil and packing	97 59	
Geo. W. Knowlton Rubber Co., packing	17 26	
S. D. Hicks & Son, pans	13 75	
Chapman Valve Mfg. Co., rep. valve	4 92	
Braman, Dow & Co., fittings	58 38	
Walworth Mfg. Co., fittings	37 37	
C. L. Martin, coal	778 05	
F. H. Parker & Son, express	4 95	
American Express Co.	2 00	
Amount carried forward	$2,650 40	$185 30

Amount brought forward	$2,650 40	$185 30
N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co.	45 92	
E. C. Metcalf, dusters	1 65	
Car fares	5 15	
Boston Steam Pump Repair & Supply Co.	20 38	
Francis Bros.	11 15	
N. E. Bolt & Nut Co.	3 00	
E. Hodge Boiler Works	19 84	
Boiler Insurance	100 00	
R. A. White, horse hire	29 50	
Joseph Breck & Sons Corp., sprinkler	4 00	
Green, Tweed & Co., oil pump	50 00	
The Fairbanks Co., rep. scales	41 60	
Wendell Bancroft & Co., coke	176 14	
LeClanche Battery Co.	4 97	
G. G. Stillman, rep. damper reg.	10 15	
S. W. Bowker, teaming	30 12	
Insurance on pumping station and house	61 25	
Town of North Reading, taxes	1 69	
J. A. Murphy, rep. clock	1 50	
Vermille & Eames, labor	1 50	
Geo. H. Atkinson, brooms, etc.	2 85	
H. L. Bond & Co., barrow	7 70	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	4 40	
G. P. Anderson, packing	8 85	
Wm. A. Jepson, coal	194 52	
A. E. Abbott, teaming ashes	8 50	
M. E. Nichols, painting	7 95	
Robert P. Burgess, labor	5 95	
O. O. Ordway, rep. fire tools	1 98	
Amount carried forward	$3,512 61	$185 30

Amount brought forward	$3,512 61	$185 30
F. Bartley, rubber boots	3 50	
F. J. Dibble, rep. guage	6 75	
Balance		3,337 56
	$3,522 86	$3,522 86

MAINTENANCE OF FILTER.

Paid Ernest Johnson, fireman	$234 00
John A. Boyd, fireman	424 00
Albion G. Nichols, fireman	112 00
Chas. Heaton, labor	7 50
E. M. Burrell, labor	10 50
Howard Batchelder, labor	2 25
John Nilsson, labor	3 00
Waldo J. Bessey, labor	3 00
J. W. Killam, labor	16 50
Geo. D. Putnam, labor	43 75
J. T. Freeman & Co., machine work	4 95
O. P. Symonds & Sons, lumber	2 00
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight	65 71
John A. Blunt	3 80
Merrimac Chemical Co.	337 61
W. B. Fondu, lime	146 25
T. Metcalf Co., chemicals	3 75
Eagle Oil & Supply Co.	107 94
Dodge M'f'g Co., hanger, etc.	6 18
Wendell Bancroft & Co., lumber and cement	15 29
Braman Dow & Co., fittings	2 50
Amount carried forward	$1,552 48

Amount brought forward	$1,552 48	
Walworth M'f'g Co., fittings	21 07	
American Express Co.	70	
Francis Bros.	7 45	
N. Y. Continental, Jewell, Filtration Co.	13 95	
R. A. White, horse hire	4 50	
F. W. Hunt & Co., alcohol	2 70	
F. H. Parker & Son, express	23 40	
Harrison Bros. & Co., alum	77 55	
Insurance	41 10	
L. M. Ham & Co., iron work	1 75	
Osgood & Witherby, castings	2 80	
Cochrane Chemical Co., alum	19 06	
Jos. S. Robinson, labor	6 50	
M. E. Nichols, painting	4 67	
Chadwick-Boston Lead Co., lead	15 37	
A. J. Wilkinson, gear	1 57	
McMaon & Son, clutch	3 48	
	$1,800 10	

MAINTENANCE OF METERS.

Received for repairs		$ 50
Paid G. D. Putnam, labor	$119 79	
Chandler & Farquhar, screws	51	
Wendell Bancroft & Co., coal	3 60	
R. A. White, horse hire	3 00	
F. H. Parker & Son, express	1 20	
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight	25	
Hersey M'f'g Co., repairs	30 43	
National Meter Co., repairs	90 80	
Thompson Meter Co., repairs	14 41	
Balance		$263 49
	$263 99	$263 99

MAINTENANCE OF SERVICE PIPES.

Paid Geo. D. Putnam, labor	$38 50	
Chas. Heaton, labor	19 66	
J. Regan, labor	1 50	
W. H. Hodgkins, labor	14 21	
S. W. Bowker, teaming	4 75	
	$78 62	

MAINTENANCE OF MAIN PIPE.

Paid W. K. Pratt, labor	$1 75	
Geo. D. Putnam, labor	3 50	
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight	77	
F. H. Parker & Son, express	25	
Chapman Valve M'f'g Co.	5 84	
R. A. White, horse hire	1 50	
	$13 61	

INTEREST.

Received interest on bonds sold		$ 9 19
" interest on deposits		49 14
" hydrant rent		4,830 00
" appropriation for interest		1,500 00
" for water for fountains		300 00
" for water for street sprinkling		300 00
" from receipts for water		1,794 17
Paid interest on bonds and note	$8,782 50	
	$8,782 50	$8,782 50

IPSWICH MILLS.

Paid Louis D. Brandies, Atty.	$8,100 00
Town of Reading	2,395 77
	$10,495 77

MAIN PIPE LINE.

Paid George D. Putnam, labor	$ 9 62	
John Nilsson, labor	1 50	
John A. Blunt, blacksmithing	2 50	
Chapman Valve M'f'g Co., gates and hydrants	78 42	
American Express Co.	1 05	
Sumner & Goodwin Co., seals	16 00	
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight	83 13	
Wm. V. Briggs, pipe	907 48	
Antonio Michelini, laying pipe	610 85	
Builders Iron Foundry, specials	24 10	
Walworth M'f'g Co., gate boxes	12 25	
S. W. Bowker, teaming	12 77	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, advertising	4 50	
E. P. Bancroft, labor	1 50	
	$1,765 67	

SERVICE PIPES.

Received appropriation		$1,000 00
Received for pipe laid		437 85
Received for dynamite and fittings		18 38
Paid Geo. D. Putnam, labor	$171 52	
Chas. Heaton, labor	129 70	
John Nilsson, labor	138 00	
Peter Serrat, labor	35 19	
John A. Blunt, sharpening tools	1 77	
Eagle Oil & Supply Co., tools	2 90	
Chandler & Farquhar, tools	3 35	
Chapman Valve M'f'g Co.	61 48	
Amount carried forward	$543 91	$1,456 23

Amount brought forward	$543 91	$1,456 23
Walworth M'f'g Co., fittings	69 39	
American Express Co.	2 05	
The Sumner & Goodwin Co.	26 08	
H. C. Coates, repairing harness	1 00	
Francis Bros.	8 64	
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight	2 84	
Nathan Bancroft, rubber boots	3 00	
American Powder Mills	11 50	
R. A. White, horse hire	159 00	
Tenney, Morse & Co., pipe	35 06	
Dr. E. D. Richmond	7 50	
Wendell Bancroft & Co., cement	25	
E. M. Dart M'f'g Co.	41 40	
F. H. Parker & Son, express	4 40	
Geo. E. Lang, carriage hire	2 00	
Ludlow Valve M'f'g Co.	9 38	
Geo. H. Atkinson, oil, etc.	4 80	
Lamb & Ritchie, pipe	93 98	
Lead Lined Iron Pipe Co., pipe	265 37	
Braman Dow & Co., pipe	44 68	
O. O. Ordway, repairing tools	16 67	
F. Bartley, boots	3 50	
T. C. Fife, fittings	2 73	
	$1,359 13	
Balance	97 10	
	$1,456 23	$1,456 23
METERS.		
Paid Geo. D. Putnam, labor	$10 50	
Wendell Bancroft & Co., lumber	66 66	
Amount carried forward	$77 16	

Amount brought forward	$77 16
American Express Co.	50
Union Water Meter Co., meters	25 00
W. H. Vinton, washers	2 50
F. H. Parker & Son, express	1 55
Hersey M'f'g Co., meters	50 00
National Meter Co., meters	210 00
Thompson Meter Co., meters	48 00
Walworth M'f'g Co., fittings	8 02
	$422 73

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Cash balance from 1901	$ 23 98
Bonds sold	2,000 00
Premium on bonds	225 10
Interest on bonds sold	9 19
Note	10,000 00
Interest on deposits	49 14
Appropriation for interest	1,500 00
Appropriation for service pipes	1,000 00
Hydrant rent	4,830 00
Drinking fountains	300 00
Street sprinkling	300 00
Office rent	66 00
House rent	180 00
Meter repairs	50
Fines and summons	6 49
Meter rates	9,388 96
Service pipes	437 85
Dynamite, etc.	18 38
Junk and telephone	5 30
Amount carried forward	$30,340 89

Amount brought forward	$30,340 89	
Paid interest		$8,782 50
Maintenance		1,786 50
Pumping Station maintenance		3,522 86
Filter maintenance		1,800 10
Meter maintenance		263 99
Service pipe maintenance		78 62
Main pipe maintenance		13 61
Main pipe		1,765 67
Service pipe		1,359 13
Meters		422 73
Ipswich Mills		10,495 77
Cash on hand		49 41
	$30,340 89	$30,340 89

SUMMARY OF COST OF PLANT.

Reported last year	$273,167 89
Main pipe	1,765 67
Service Pipe	902 90
Ipswich Mills damage	10,495 77
Meters	422 73
	$286,754 96

The Board recommends that $4,890.00 be raised and appropriated for hydrant rental; that $300.00 be raised and appropriated for drinking fountains, and that $500.00 be raised and appropriated for street sprinkling.

The interest payable the current fiscal year amounts to $8,730.00, as follows:

$206,000 00 for one year	$8,240 00
7,000 00 for six months	140 00
10,000 00 for one year	350 00
	$8,730 00

The $10,000 item is for a note, the proceeds of which were used in the settlement with the Ipswich Mills Corporation, as voted by the town at a special town meeting held Jan. 13, 1902.

To meet this interest charge the Board recommends that $5,690.00 of public receipts be appropriated, and that $2,440.00 water receipts from other sources be appropriated, and that $600.00 be raised and appropriated, making a total of $8,730.00.

The Board recommends that $1,000.00 be raised and appropriated for service pipes, and that $7,000.00 be appropriated from water receipts for the current year for maintenance.

The State Board of Health has at our request been making investigations on the water for the purpose of determining the feasibility of improving the quality, more particularly along the line of reducing the hardness. We regret to be unable to report anything definite to the Town but are encouraged to believe that in the near future we shall have something to report of interest. We shall certainly follow this matter until we find some relief or that it is impossible to treat our water without making it hard.

The Board has received notice of the claim of the Norwood Mill for damage for taking water used for power and has caused an article to be put in the warrant to enable the Town to take such action on this claim as they see fit.

H. R. JOHNSON,
E. B. DRAKE,
E. H. GOWING.

REPORT OF WATER REGISTRAR.

Amount of water bills rendered	$9,470 42	
abated	38 90	
	$9,431 52	
Amount collected		$8,951 69
uncollected		479 83
		$9,431 52
Amount of 1900 bills uncollected	$40 41	
collected		28 41
uncollected		12 00
		$40 41
Amount of 1901 bills uncollected	$562 87	
Abated bill recharged	3 74	
	$566 61	
collected		$408 86
abated		40 19
uncollected		117 56
		$566 61
Service pipe bills rendered in 1902	$347 74	
Service pipe bills previous years	123 72	
	$471 46	
collected		437 85
uncollected		33 61
		$471 46

LEWIS M. BANCROFT,
Registrar.

READING, JAN. 1, 1903.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Reading Water Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit my annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1902.

The extension of mains have been 2270 feet of six inch pipe, as follows: Ash St. 669 feet, Brook St. 307 feet, Summer Ave. 1184 feet, Charles St. 52 feet, Forest St. 58 feet.

Two new hydrants have been placed: one on Brook St., near Ash St., and one on Summer Ave., near Oak St.

There were thirty-two services put in during the year, making a total of eleven hundred and thirty-six. One hundred and eighty-two service boxes have been repaired and lowered and four service leaks repaired.

The following table will show the amount of service pipe in use:

	6 inch Cast Iron.	1½ inch Galvanized.	1¼ Inch Enamelled.	1¼ inch Galvanized.	1 inch Galvanized.	1 inch Lead Lined.	¾ inch Lead Lined	1 inch Cement Lined.	¾ inch Cement Lined.	2 inch Galvanized.	¾ inch Galvanized.
Owned by the town.		18	33.7	11447.8	169.7	870.8	19153.9	369.1	9957.5	1662.2	1279.5
Owned by individuals.	814	19	123	328.7	90.4	50	20013.1	78	12663.2	303.6	635.3
Total.	814	37	156.7	11776.5	260.1	920.8	39167.0	445.1	22620.7	1965.8	1914.8

The following kinds and sizes of meters are in use:

No.	Name.	Sizes.				
		2 in.	1½ in.	1 in.	¾ in.	⅝ in.
79	Crown	.....	.....	.....	1	78
41	Lambert	.....	.....	2	.....	39
531	Nash	.....	3	4	.....	524
196	Empire	1	.....	.....	.....	195
4	Gem	4	.....	.....	.....	.....
12	Thompson	1	.....	1	.....	10
2	Worthington	1	.....	.....	.....	1
109	Hersey Disc	1	2	1	.....	105
1	Neptune	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
12	Union Rotary	3	1	3	.....	5
30	Columbia	.....	.....	.....	.....	30
1	Niagara	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
1018		12	6	11	1	988

YEARLY RECORD OF PUMPING SERVICE.

From Jan. 1, 1902, to Jan. 1, 1903.

Month.	No. Days.	No. Hours.	No. Min.	Gallons Pumped	Total Head.	Pounds Coal.	Rain Fall.
January	31	138	45	4,568,760	219	42,023	1.80
February	28	140	15	4,666,611		43,383	6.11
March	31	149	30	4,517,922		41,151	4.69
April	30	133	15	3,969,915		36,168	6 22
May	31	148	45	4,337,008		36,521	1.69
June	30	157	15	4,969,467		41,545	1.98
July	31	142	30	4,682,423		43,453	3.02
August	31	144	15	4,636,350		44,783	3.75
September	30	136	15	4 290,890		37,780	4.01
October	31	132		4,133,060		41,259	4.91
November	30	133	30	4,227,922		32,807	.99
December	31	138	15	4,269,509		37,483	5.60
	365	1694	30	53,269,837	219	478 356	44.77

The day on which greatest amount of water was pumped, March 2nd. Gallons pumped on that day, 256,550. Week during which greatest amount was pumped, March 1st to 7th. Gallons pumped during that week, 1,317,559.

Table showing amount of rain and melted snow in inches for the year ending Dec. 31, 1902.

Day of Month.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Day of Month.
1	....	....	....	.03	.18	....	.11	....	....	.33	....	.26	1
2	....	....	.19	....	....	....	....	....	.04	.20	....	....	2
3	....	1.05	....	....	.06	....	....	....	....	....	....	.55	3
4	....	....	....	....	....	....	.57	....	.25	....	....	....	4
5	....	.01	....	....	.18	.03	....	.30	.31	....	....	....	5
6	....	....	1.01	....	....	....	....	....	....	.94	....	.67	6
7	..	....	....	....	.09	....	....	.60	.38	....	....	....	7
8	.50	....	....	....	....	.07	.10	.40	.20	....	....	....	8
9	....	....	....	4.62	....	.01	....	....	....	....	....	....	9
10	.06	....	1.02	.09	....	....	.25	....	.42	....	....	.14	10
11	....	....	....	.08	....	.06	....	.34	....	....	....	....	11
12	.50	....	....	....	....	....	....	1.11	....	.99	.10	....	12
13	....	....	....	.02	....	.18	....	....	....	.01	.07	....	13
14	....	.01	.09	....	....	....	....	....	.40	....	.04	.86	14
15	....	....	....	....	....	.10	.03	....	....	....	....	....	15
16	....	....	....	....	....	....	.25	....	....	....	....	.32	16
17	....	....	.72	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.53	17
18	....	1.45	.02	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	18
19	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	.23	.07	....	....	....	19
20	....	....	....	....	.41	.38	....	....	....	.14	.01	....	20
21	....	....	.43	....	....	.15	1.51	....	.02	...	....	....	21
22	....	....	....	....	....	.48	....	.10	....	....	....	1.38	22
23	.61	....	....	....	....	....	.06	.67	....	.35	....	....	23
24	.. .	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	24
25	....	....	....	....	.37	....	.01	....	....	....	....	....	25
26	....	1.59	....	.51	.02	.39	.02	....	....	....	.63	.87	26
27	.13	.05	....	....	.12	....	....	....	.75	.04	.14	.02	27
28	....	1.95	.05	....	.25	....	....	....	.09	1.91	....	....	28
29	...	....	1.16	....	...	....	....	....	.91	....	....	....	29
30	....	...	....	.87	.01	.13	.11	....	.17	....	....	....	30
31	....	....	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	31
	1.80	6.11	4.69	6.22	1.69	1.98	3.02	3.75	4.01	4.91	.99	5.60	

The average rainfall for Massachusetts is 45.54 inches. The rainfall at Reading Pumping Station in 1902 was 44.77 inches, which is .77 inches less than the average. The deficiency occurred in the months of January, May, June, July, August and November, while the rainfall for February, March, April, September, October and December was considerable more than the normal for those months.

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF WATER FROM FILTER GALLERY OF READING WATER WORKS. (Parts in 100,000.)

No.	Date of		Appearance.			Odor.		Residue on Evaporation.	Ammonia.		Chlorine.	Nitrogen as		Oxygen consumed.	Hardness.	Iron.	
	Collection.	Examination.	Turbidity.	Sediment.	Color.	Cold.	Hot.		Free.	Albuminoid.		Nitrates	Nitrites				
	1902	1902															
38980	Feb. 11	Feb. 11	Decided	Cons. iron	Turbid.65	None	None	8.90	.0082	.0096	.40	.0100	.0000	.49	4.0	.1900	Filter gallery
38981	Feb. 11	Feb. 11	None	None	.22	None	None	15.50	.0050	.0060	.42	.0070	.0003	.34	9.1	.0160	Filter weir
39548	Apr. 6	Apr. 7	Decided	Cons. iron	Turbid.55	None	None	6.50	.0080	.0112	.37	.0070	.0002	.57	2.0	.0800	Filter gallery
39549	Apr. 6	Apr. 7	None	None	.21	None	None	14.50	.0060	.0072	.39	.0060	.0005	.42	8.6	.0080	Filter weir
40368	June 9	June 9	Decided	Cons.	Br'wn1.05	None	None	7.50	.0088	.0132	.41	.0060	.0000	.74	3.1	.1400	Filter gallery
40369	June 9	June 9	Very slight	None	.31	None	None	15.70	.0082	.0080	.41	.0050	.0003	.40	9.6	.0070	Filter weir
41577	Aug. 12	Aug. 12	Decided	Cons.	Turbid 70	None	None	7.80	.0106	.0122	.43	.0020	.0001	.52	1.8	.1400	Filter gallery
41578	Aug. 12	Aug. 12	None	None	.26	None	None	15.00	.0086	.0086	.44	.0010	.0003	.36	7.3	.0180	Filter weir
42720	Oct. 14	Oct. 15	Decided iron	Cons. iron	Turbid.60	Dist. earthy	Dist. earthy	7.70	.0112	.0086	.47	.0010	.0000	.55	2.9	.0800	Filter gallery
42721	Oct. 14	Oct. 15	None	None	.22	None	None	15.60	.0064	.0060	.48	.0020	.0009	.45	8.7	.0060	Filter weir
43487	Dec. 14	Dec. 15	Decided iron	Cons. iron	Turbid.70	Fain. earthy	Fain. earthy	8.70	.0118	.0130	.51	.0030	.0000	.40	3.1	.1900	Filter gallery
43488	Dec. 14	Dec. 15	None	None	.25	None	None	15.90	.0070	.0090	.48	.0040	.0006	.23	9.6	.0100	Filter weir

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1902.

In form recommended by the New England Water Works Association.

Reading Water Works.

Reading, Middlesex County, Mass.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Population by Census of 1900, 4969.
Date of construction, 1890 and 1891.
By whom owned, Town of Reading.
Source of supply, filter gallery.
Mode of supply (whether gravity or pumping), pumping.

PUMPING STATISTICS.

1. Builders of Pumping Machinery, Geo. F. Blake M'f'g Co.
2. Description of fuel used
   - *a.* Kind, coal and coke.
   - *b.* Brand of coal, Georges Creek.
   - *c.* Average price of coal per gross ton, delivered, $5.90.
   - *d.* Percentage of ash,
   - *e.* Wood, price per cord, $
3. Coal consumed for the year, 478,356 lbs.
4. [Pounds of wood consumed] divided by 3 equals equivalent amount of coal, lbs.

4*a*. Amount of other fuel used,

5. Total equivalent coal consumed for the year equals (3) plus (4), lbs.
6. Total pumpage for the year, 53,269,837 gallons, without allowance for slip.

7. Average static head against which pumps work, 219 feet.
8. Average dynamic head against which pumps work, 240 feet.
9. Number of gallons pumped per pound of equivalent coal (5), 111.
10. Duty equals $\frac{\text{gallons pumped (6) x 8.34 (lbs.) x 100 x dynamic head (8)}}{\text{Total fuel consumed (5)}}$ equals 21,871,432.

Cost of pumping, figured on pumping station expenses, viz., $3,337.56.

11. Per million gallons pumped, $62.65.
12. Per million gallons raised one foot (dynamic), $0.261.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance brought forward:			$ 23 98
(*a*) From ordinary (maintenance) receipts,			335 00
(*b*) From extraordinary receipts (bonds, etc.)			225 10
Total,			$584 08
From Water Rates:			
A. Fixture rates,	$		
B. Meter rates,	9,388 96		
C. Total from consumers,			$9,388 96
D. For hydrants,	4,830 00		
E. For fountains,	300 00		
F. For street watering,	300 00		
G. For public buildings,			
H. For miscellaneous uses,			
I. General appropriation,			
J. Total from municipal depts.,			5,430 00
K. From tax levy,			2,500 00
L. From bond issue,			2,000 00
M. From other sources:			
Note,			$10,000 00
Service pipes,			437 85
N. Total,			$30,340 89

EXPENDITURES.

Water Works Maintenance:

AA.	Operation (management and repairs),	$ 7,465 68	
BB.	Special:		
CC.	Total maintenance,		$ 7,465 68
DD.	Interest on bonds,		8,782 50
	(CC plus DD),	16,248 18	
EE.	Payment of bonds,		
FF.	Sinking fund,		

Water Works Construction:

GG.	Extension of mains,	$1,765 67	
HH.	Extension of services,	1,359 13	
II.	Extension of meters,	422 73	
JJ.	Special:		
		10,495 77	
KK.	Total construction,		14,043 30
LL.	Unclassified expenses:		
MM.	Balance:		
	(*aa*) Ordinary,	$	
	(*bb*) Extraordinary,		
	Total balance,		49 41
N.	Total,		$30,340 89

DISPOSITION OF BALANCE.

O.	Net cost of works to date,	$286,754 96
P.	Bonded debt at date,	223,000 00
Q.	Value of Sinking Fund at date,	
R.	Average rate of interest, 4 per cent.	

CONSUMPTION.

1 Estimated total population at date, 5000.
2 Estimated population on lines of pipe, 4860.
3 Estimated population supplied, 4385.
4 Total consumption for the year, 53,269,837 gallons.
5 Passed through meters, gallons.
6 Percentage of consumption metered,
7 Average daily consumption, 145,944 gallons.
8 Gallons per day to each inhabitant, 29.18.
9 Gallons per day to each consumer, 33.28.
10 Gallons per day to each tap, 128.47.
11 Cost of supplying water, per million gallons, figured on total maintenance (item CC), $140.14.
12 Total cost of supplying water, per million gallons, figured on total maintenance plus interest on bonds, $305.16.

DISTRIBUTION.

MAINS.

1 Kind of pipe, cast iron.
2 Sizes, from 6 inch to 12 inch.
3 Extended 2270 feet during the year.
4 Discontinued 0 feet during year.
5 Total now in use, 28.4849 miles.
6 Cost of repairs per mile, $0.477.
7 Number of leaks per mile, none.
8 Length of pipes less than 4 inches diameter, 0 miles.
9 Number of hydrants added during year (public and private) 2.
10 Number of hydrants (public and private) now in use, 163.
11 Number of stop gates added during year, 5.
12 Number of stop gates now in use, 248.
13 Number of stop gates smaller than 4 inch, none.

14 Number of blow-offs, 14.
15 Range of pressure on mains, 63 lbs. to 78 lbs.

SERVICES.

16 Kind of pipe, cast iron, cement and lead lined iron.
17 Sizes, $\frac{3}{4}$ to 6 inches.
18 Extended, 2566.2 feet.
19 Discontinued, 222 feet.
20 Total now in use, 15,049 miles.
21 Number of service taps added during year, 32.
22 Number now in use, 1136.
23 Average length of service, 69.94 feet.
24 Average cost of service for the year, $42.47.
25 Number of meters added, 31.
26 Number now in use, 1018.
27 Percentage of services metered, 89.
28 Percentage of receipts from metered water (B divided by C), 100.
29 Number of motors and elevators added, none.
30 Number now in use, 3.

LEWIS M. BANCROFT, *Superintendent.*

READING, January 27, 1903.

TOWN OF READING.

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Electric Light ..Commissioners..

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1902.

OFFICERS OF THE ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER DEPARTMENT.

Commissioners.

WM. S. KINSLEY, *Chairman*, . .	Term expires 1903
CHARLES W. LEE, *Sec'y*, . . .	" " 1904
GEORGE L. FLINT, ...	" " 1905

Superintendent and Manager.

STEWART S. BELL.

OFFICE:	OFFICE HOURS:
Room 10, Masonic Block.	Monday and Saturday, 7.30 to 9 P. M.

REPORT OF MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD.

For the Year Ending December 31, 1902.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

CONSTRUCTION.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation for 1902 . . .	$2,500 00	
Cash received for sale of cable . .	16 26	
		$2,516 26

EXPENDITURES.

REAL ESTATE.

Pay rolls		$17 25

LINES.

Francis Bros., sundries	$ 13 05	
Western Electric Co.	426 93	
C. S. Knowles, cable	39 00	
Pettingill, Andrews Co., supplies . .	240 57	
Electric Gas Lighting Co., supplies . .	5 00	
Amount carried forward	$724 55	

Amount brought forward	$724 55	
Boston Lumber Co., poles	32 00	
Pay rolls	89 35	
American Express Co., express	3 80	
W. P. Turner, teaming poles	6 00	
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight	1 65	
		$857 35

ARC LAMPS AND GLOBES.

Boston & Maine Railroad, freight	$ 1 05	
Pettingill, Andrews Co., arc lamps	94 50	
		$95 55

METERS.

Stanley Instrument Co., meters	$216 00	
American Express Co., express	3 65	
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight	3 87	
Western Electric Co., meters	21 60	
Fort Wayne Electric Works, meters	63 00	
Westinghouse Elec. & M'f'g Co., meters	313 60	
Pettingell, Andrews Co., meters	88 20	
		$709 92

CONVERTERS.

American Express Co., express	$ 1 10	
Westinghouse Elec. & M'f'g Co., converters	440 79	
Western Electric Co., converters	89 30	
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight	17 82	
		$549 01

SUMMARY.

Credits to construction account . .		$2,516 26
Charges to construction account . .	$2,229 08	
Amount borrowed from maintenance account 1901	242 61	
	$2,471 69	
		$44 57
Balance unexpended	5 73	
Amount loaned maintenance account . .	38 84	
		$44 57

RECAPITULATION.

Cost of Reading Municipal Light and Power Plant, December 31, 1902.

	Total Cost Dec. 31, 1901	Acct. Rendered Dec. 31, 1902	Total Cost Dec. 31, 1902
Real Estate	$21,091 97	$17 25	$21,109 22
Steam Plant	14,172 46		14,172 46
Electric Plant	10,210 30		10,210 30
Lines	19,416 23	857 35	20,237 58
Arc Lamps and Globes	2,620 96	95 55	2,716 51
Meters	3,193 73	709 92	3,903 65
Converters	4,053 28	549 01	4,602 29
Incidental construction exp.	2,556 98		2,556 98
Office furniture	454 19		454 19
Board expenses	63 82		63 82
	$77,833 92	$2,229 08	$80,063 00
Bills payable on acct. Construction, Dec. 31, 1902			$999 55
			$81,062 55
Construction stock on hand Dec. 31, 1902		$353 84	
Cash received for cable		16 26	
			$370 10
Total cost of plant, Dec. 31, 1902			$80,692 45

MAINTENANCE.

Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1901	$ 31 54	
Amount due from construction acct. Dec. 31, 1901	242 61	
Appropriation for maintenance	4,000 00	
Appropriation for interest	2,019 00	
Cash for Commercial Incan. Light	3,782 16	
Cash for Domestic Incan. Light	3,899 79	
Cash for Town Incan. Light	155 45	
Cash for Meter Rents	270 50	
Cash for Wiring, Labor and Fixtures	1,037 79	
Cash for Incan. Lamps, Renewals	153 98	
Cash for miscellaneous articles	1 20	
		$15,594 02

EXPENDITURES.

FUEL.

Garfield, Proctor Coal Co., coal	$455 12	
C. H. Sprague & Son, coal	787 47	
W. Bancroft & Co., coal	73 64	
Curran & Burton, coal	409 08	
Sturtevant Coal Co., coal	424 62	
M. L. Cobb, coal	100 85	
W. A. Jepson, coal	369 40	
C. W. Claflin & Co., coal	169 01	
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight	466 54	
Pay rolls, unloading coal	25 75	
S. W. Bowker, teaming coal	2 50	
		$3,283 98

OIL AND WASTE.

Boston & Maine Railroad, freight	$ 4 80	
F. Parker & Son, express	95	
A. W. Harris Oil Co., oil	92 78	
F. Wallace, oil	8 80	
Eagle Oil & Supply Co., oil and waste	19 78	
W. H. Mears, oil	4 40	
		$131 51

WATER.

Reading Water Works	$141 62

STATION WAGES.

Pay rolls	$2,698 55

REPAIRS OF REAL ESTATE.

C. L. Martin, repairing tressle	$46 22	
J. H. Roe, repairing roof	35 40	
		$81 62

REPAIRS OF STEAM PLANT.

H. R. Worthington, pump valves	$ 2 10	
M. H. O'Brien, mason work	9 50	
Francis Bros., sundries	8 69	
American Express Co., express	2 00	
A. Michelini, labor	5 50	
O. P. Symonds & Sons, stock	1 50	
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight	5 36	
Ed. Kendall & Sons, boiler tubes and labor	437 81	
Braman Dow & Co., pipe and fittings	26 64	
F. Parker & Son, express	2 75	
Amount carried forward	$501 85	

Amount brought forward	$501 85	
Jarvis Engineering Co., repairing boiler	264 75	
Eagle Oil & Supply Co., gaskets and packing	10 04	
O. O. Ordway, iron work	4 45	
J. T. Freeman, supplies	50	
Revere Rubber Co., rubber mats	26 25	
The Fairbanks Co., repairing valve	6 75	
Cling Surface M'f'g Co., belt dressing	3 50	
		$818 09

REPAIRS OF ELECTRIC PLANT.

American Express Co., express	$ 1 30	
Westinghouse Elec. & M'f'g Co., brushes and armature coils	37 02	
J. T. Freeman & Co., grinding commutators	6 76	
Francis Bros., sandpaper	80	
		$45 88

STATION TOOLS.

Francis Bros., sundries	$20 70	
Eagle Oil & Supply Co., oil cans	2 10	
American Express Co., express	15	
Star Brass M'f'g Co., indicator	63 75	
F. G. MacDonald, cloth	1 14	
R. D. Clapp, repairing lawn mower	70	
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight	75	
O. O. Ordway, repairs	4 85	
M. F. Charles, clock	1 00	
F. Wallace, brooms	3 60	
		$98 74

WAGES CARE OF LIGHTS.

Pay rolls		$783 85

REPAIRS OF LINES AND LAMPS.

American Express Co., express . . .	$ 15	
Francis Bros, sundries	11 33	
General Electric Co., carbon holders . .	6 69	
Amesbury Lt., H. & Power Co., carbon holders	72	
Western Electric Co., lamp rods, cable and mast arms	100 89	
Boston Lumber Co., poles	60 80	
Electric Gas Lighting Co., knobs . . .	86	
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight . .	4 78	
Union Hd. & Supply Co., fuse wire . .	1 03	
H. K. Austin, gasoline	54	
C. S. Knowles, insulators	9 75	
Pay rolls	504 00	
Boston Electric Co., brackets . . .	3 24	
Woburn Foundry, iron weights . . .	8 59	
F. Parker & Son, express	1 85	
	———	$715 22

CARBONS.

Boston & Maine Railroad, freight . .	$ 32 43	
National Carbon Co., carbons . . .	290 69	
Amesbury Lt., H. & P. Co., carbons . .	21 00	
Consumers Carbon Co., carbons . . .	8 20	
Pettingell, Andrews Co., carbons . .	3 85	
F. Parker & Son, express	25	
	———	$356 42

INCANDESCENT LAMPS.

Boston & Maine Railroad, freight	$ 3 86	
F. Parker & Son, express	40	
American Express Co., express	25	
Nurnst Lamp Co., lamp	10 00	
Electric Gas Light Co., lamps	25 42	
Western Electric Co., lamps	454 56	
Pettingell, Andrews Co., lamps	11 99	
		$506 48

GLOBES.

F. O. Dewey Co., globes	$19 73	
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight	95	
Stanley Instrument Co., globes	70	
		$21 38

GENERAL SALARIES.

Pay rolls	$1,294 94

GENERAL OFFICE EXPENSES.

Harley Prentiss, P. M., envelopes and postage	$106 00	
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone service	65 71	
Electrical World and Engineer, sub.	3 00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing	31 50	
A. W. Danforth, floor oil	1 25	
A. Hodson, moulding	3 25	
M. F. Charles, supplies	1 53	
A. R. Gay & Co., invoice book	2 75	
Thorp & Martin Co., supplies	10 15	
		$225 14

RENT.

Masonic Temple Corp.		$132 00

INSURANCE.

Prentiss & Viall, insurance . . .		$622 81

INCIDENTALS.

H. D. Harriman, Goldena	$16 50	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight . . .	75	
F. Wallace, Bon Ami	60	
		$17 85

INTEREST.

Interest on bonds	$1,720 00	
Interest on notes	327 00	
		$2,047 00

STABLE.

F. W. Danforth, painting wagons . .	$26 00	
F. P. Abbott, board and care of horse .	240 00	
R. A. White, board and care of horse .	220 00	
C. D. Wells, shoeing, etc.	21 75	
Z. S. Richards, shoeing, etc. . . .	20 50	
H. E. Coates, repairing harnesses . .	1 65	
W. C. Taylor, repairing harnesses . .	9 45	
Reading Harness Shop, repairing harnesses	25	
G. H. Buckle, horse nets	6 00	
C. H. Playdon, M. D. V., services . .	9 00	
P. J. Seaman, repairing wagons . .	22 35	
		$576 95

WIRING, LABOR AND FIXTURES.

American Express Co., express	$ 11 99	
Francis Bros., sundries	21 66	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	3 62	
Union Hd. & Supply Co., tape	8 40	
McKenney & Waterbury, fixtures	235 75	
Pettingell, Andrews Co., supplies	89 62	
Electric Gas Lt. Co., supplies	234 74	
Vermille & Eames, supplies and labor	30 28	
Pay rolls	109 25	
Western Electric Co., supplies	148 94	
W. F. Spinney, tape	75	
New York Insulated Wire Co., wire	20 22	
C. H. McKenney & Co., fixtures	7 56	
F. Parker & Son, express	12 05	
		$1,032 83
		$15,632 86

SUMMARY.

Total charges maintenance acct.	$15,632 86	
Total credits " "	$15,594 02	
Amount borrowed from construction acct.		$38 84

RECAPITULATION.

Fuel	$3,283 98
Oil and waste	131 51
Water	141 62
Station wages	2,698 55
Repairs of real estate	81 62
Amount carried forward	$6,337 28

Amount brought forward	$6,337 28	
Repairs of steam plant	818 09	
Repairs of electric plant	45 88	
Station tools	98 74	
Wages, care of lights	783 85	
Repairs of lines and lamps	715 22	
Carbons	356 42	
Incandescent lamps	506 48	
Globes	21 38	
General salaries	1,294 94	
General office expenses	225 14	
Rent	132 00	
Insurance	622 81	
Incidentals	17 85	
Interest	2,047 00	
Stable	576 95	
Wiring, labor and fixtures	1,032 83	
		$15,632 86
Amount due from consumers for light, meter rent, etc., Dec. 31, 1901	$1,851 60	
Amount due from consumers for wiring and labor, Dec. 31, 1901	798 08	
Maintenance stock on hand Dec. 31, 1901	782 99	
		$3,432 67
		$19,065 53
Less amount received in 1902 for Commercial Inc. Light	$3,782 16	
Domestic Inc. Light	3,899 79	
Town Inc. Light	155 45	
Meter rents	270 50	
Amount carried forward	$8,107 90	

Amount brought forward	$8,107 90	
Incandescent lamps	153 98	
Wiring, labor and fixtures	1,037 79	
Oil	1 20	
	$9,300 87	
Maintenance stock on hand Dec. 31, 1902	520 80	
Amount due Dec. 31, 1902, for Commercial Inc. Light and meter rents	912 30	
Domestic Inc. Light and meter rents	1,004 76	
Town Inc. Light and meter rents	45 86	
Incandescent lamps	30 90	
Wiring, labor and fixtures	515 50	
		$12,330 99
		$6,734 54
Bills payable Dec. 31, 1901	$3,021 49	
Bills payable Dec. 31, 1902	2,098 85	
		$992 64
Total cost maintenance 1902		$5,811 90
Number of street lamps 138. Cost of each		42 11

INVENTORY.

CONSTRUCTION STOCK ON HAND DEC. 31, 1902.

Lines	$335 84	
Meters	18 00	
		$353 84

MAINTENANCE STOCK ON HAND DEC. 31, 1902.

Incandescent lamps	$ 47 68	
Fuel	205 00	
Amount carried forward	$252 68	

Amount brought forward	$252 68	
Carbons	4 90	
Oil and waste	33 95	
Arc globes	8 80	
Wiring stock	220 47	
		$520 80
Total stock on hand Dec. 31, 1902		$874 64
Number of incandescent lamps installed in 1902	525	
Number of poles installed in 1902	26	
Number of meters installed in 1902	43	
Number of transformers installed in 1902	14	
Feet of wire installed in 1902	13,538	
Tons of coal used in 1902	612	
Number of customers Dec. 31, 1901	249	
Number of customers Dec. 31, 1902	289	
Increase in customers 1902	40	

Number of days and hours that street circuits were lighted during the year ending Dec. 31, 1902.

	DAYS.	HOURS.
January	27	171
February	25	133
March	25	131
April	22	114
May	23	107
June	24	96
July	26	110
August	22	96
September	24	127
October	24	141
November	26	157
December	25	162
Total	293	1,545

Table showing the earnings each month from incandescent light and meter rents and a comparison with the previous year.

	Light.	Meter Rent.	1902 Total.	1901 Total.
January	$ 980 68	$20 20	$1,000 88	$ 864 96
February	846 75	22 90	869 65	626 11
March	643 46	24 20	667 66	603 27
April	602 19	22 50	624 69	505 50
May	412 33	19 70	432 03	430 53
June	401 56	26 90	428 46	325 97
July	358 10	21 40	379 50	247 41
August	376 38	23 60	399 98	398 38
September	682 06	28 20	710 26	571 66
October	966 64	28 80	995 44	845 65
November	1,100 94	24 00	1,124 94	1,164 25
December	1,321 40	27 60	1,349 00	1,056 74
Totals	$8,692 49	$290 00	$8,982 49	$7,640 43
Less discount allowed for cash payments			726 92	381 43
			$8,255 57	$7,259 00

There have been a considerable number of new customers enrolled on our books the past year and the Board feel much gratified at the good showing the plant is making.

The past year has been rather "strenuous," as the coal question has been difficult to handle. Added to other troubles, one of the horses died, and the other, on account of age, had to be put out of commission. This necessitated the purchase of a new horse. Otherwise we have been very fortunate.

Since the last annual meeting the efficient clerk of this Board, Mr. A. R. Prentiss, has resigned, and since then Supt. Bell has kept the books, thereby saving the department the expense of clerk hire.

As instructed by the Town at the annual meeting of last year, we have caused to be inserted in the warrant an article asking for an appropriation of $60.00 each for arc lights, said amount to be applied to maintenance and interest accounts.

The present ratio of increase renders it necessary for the Board to ask for $3000 for new construction.

The constantly increasing demands upon the plant will make it necessary to run both boilers next fall, leaving no spare boiler in case of accident. The Board have asked for no appropriations for additions to the plant this year as we hope to be able to get through another winter with the present facilities. The boilers, and in fact all the power house machinery, has been kept in first class condition.

The petitions for arc lights asked for at the last town meeting were referred to this Board and the Selectmen, and four of the five were installed. The money necessary for the work was taken from our regular appropriation for construction.

Yours respectfully,

W. S. KINSLEY, *Chairman*,
C. W. LEE, *Sec'y*,
G. L. FLINT.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF READING

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1902.

School Committee.

WALTER S. PARKER, *Chairman*,	Walnut St.,	Term expires	1905
GILMAN L. PARKER, *Sec'y*,	Washington St.,	" "	1903
HORACE G. WADLIN,	Woburn St.,	" "	1905
MRS. ELLEN M. BANCROFT,	Sanborn St.,	" "	1903
MRS. MARY L. NESMITH,	Main St.,	" "	1904
HENRY C. PARKER,	Chute St.,	" "	1904

Superintendent of Schools.

MELVILLE A. STONE.

Truant Officer.

FREDERIC D. MERRILL.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE.

WALTER S. PARKER, *Chairman.*

GILMAN L. PARKER, *Secretary.*

SUB-COMMITTEES.

Finances and Accounts.

G. L. Parker — H. G. Wadlin

Books and Supplies.

W. S. Parker — Mrs. Nesmith

School Houses and Property.

H. G. Wadlin — H. C. Parker

G. L. Parker

Rules and Regulations.

H. C. Parker — H. G. Wadlin

Mrs. Bancroft

Teachers and Salaries.

W. S. Parker — Mrs. Nesmith

G. L. Parker

Music and Drawing.

Mrs. Bancroft — G. L. Parker

Course of Study.

H. G. Wadlin — W. S. Parker

Mrs. Nesmith

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The School Committee respectfully submit the following report of the schools of Reading for the year ending March first, 1903.

We are under the necessity of calling the attention of the citizens of the town to the fact that every room in our present school buildings is occupied.

Some provision must be made for additional school accommodations in at least two different sections of the town, namely: the centre and the west side.

We hope to manage in some way so that our present accommodations will be sufficient for the rest of the school year, which closes in June, 1903. It is not an absolute certainty how many children of legal age will apply for admission next September, but from the history of the past, we can judge correctly what the number will be, probably; at any rate, it will be perfectly safe, and withal wise, for us to take some action in the direction of providing more school rooms in at least two sections of the town.

The congested state of affairs at Prospect street might be relieved temporarily by providing more rooms at or near the centre.

The increase in school population will be about thirty per year.

The number of children in town between 5 and 15 years in September, 1899, was 832; in September, 1900, was 853; in September, 1901, was 890; and in September, 1902 was 915. Thus it will be seen that the normal increase is at the rate of about one class per year, or in other words it will be imperative for the

committee to meet the urgent need of more school accommodations in a very short time. We have had this matter under consideration for the past two years.

We urge the attention of every citizen to the matter, believing it to be of the utmost importance. We are not ready at this time to make any definite recommendations; in fact, we believe that the time has not yet come when the best and wisest recommendations could be made.

It seems unnecessary to call the attention of the citizens to the additional fact, that our High School is fast growing too large for our present building and some way will have to be provided for our increasing numbers. The present building will serve our purpose for some time longer, but we should bear in mind the fact that a new High School building will be a necessity before many years.

If any action is taken by the Town to buy a lot for a Library building, the Town might well take into consideration the needs of both Library and High School at the same time and buy a lot large enough to accommodate both.

The Library and High School should be located near together, and the relation between the two should be close and intimate.

The aim and purpose of both are educational.

In many places the librarians are uniting with the teachers in plans of action whereby the use of the library by the pupils will be greatly increased.

The library is indispensible to a good high school.

There are many other reasons which might be given why the two should stand in close proximity. The needs of the general public would not in any way be restricted by such locations; in fact, in some ways they would be enhanced.

Attention is invited to the report of the Superintendent which contains a detailed account of many matters of interest in con-

nection with the various schools. The special reports of High School Principal and Directors will not be printed in full but liberal quotations will be made in Superintendent's report. He emphasizes the fact that many of our teachers resign because they are offered higher salaries in other places. In some cases, if we had had at our command a small sum with which we could have offered a substantial advance in salary, the teacher could have been retained. After all has been said and done to retain the excellent teacher, yet in the end, we must lose her for we cannot compete with the large cities in the amount paid. But we can do more than we have done to keep the best teachers a longer time.

It is better for our schools to have an able, excellent teacher one year, whom everybody wants, than to have a passible teacher ten years, whom nobody wants.

Even the large towns and cities suffer from the same cause. The able, skillful teacher is always in demand and will command a high salary and deserves it.

We solicit careful attention to the financial statement of the Board. Extra expense has been incurred in connection with the heating and the sanitary arrangements at the Highland school building.

The schools on the whole are doing work and the teachers generally are earnest, enthusiastic, striving to attain a high degree of efficiency in their work.

We have not yet reached our ideals, but we believe most of the school workers are working hard in that direction. "Not failure but low aim is crime."

VACANCIES.

The terms of Ellen M. Bancroft and Gilman L. Parker expire at the ensuing town meeting.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The committee recommends the sum of $22,000 for regular school expenses, $4,000 for school incidentals.

Adopted in committee Jan. 30, 1903.

WALTER S. PARKER, *Chairman*,
GILMAN L. PARKER, *Secretary*,
HORACE G. WADLIN,
ELLEN M. BANCROFT,
MARY L. NESMITH,
HENRY C. PARKER.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Committee of the Town of Reading:

My fourth annual report, the tenth in the supervision of Reading schools, is herewith respectfully submitted.

The chief items under the head of repairs are the refinishing of the hard wood wainscotting, and painting of the walls in the High School, the replacing of a part of the old desk castings with new adjustable castings, and the completion of the work formerly begun of installing electric lighting in the large rooms and lower corridor of the building.

New shingles on the south roof of the Chestnut Hill schoolhouse, a coat of paint, and new timbers under the floor of the north room put that building in condition to serve us several years.

It was found necessary to relay the valleys on the roofs of Union St. and Prospect St. schools.

At the Lowell St. school the old steps have given place to new, one built at each entrance, thus giving place for flower beds between them and at each front corner of the building. The work of the pupils on these beds the coming season together with last year's improvement in laying out the grounds will make the environment of this school compare favorably with that of any found in the outskirts of the neighboring towns.

Considerable expense was incurred in the repairing of the heat-

ing plant at the Union St. school, but now all our boilers and heaters appear to be in good condition.

For next year provision should be made to paint the outside of the Union St. school, and the Prospect St. school, though the latter item may prove to be dependent upon an other matter which I will now mention.

In my last report I referred to the necessity of providing additional room for the primary grades in the near future, knowing at the time that the last room in the Highland School would be needed to allow the admission of those entitled to school privileges in the spring of 1902. By rearranging the work in five rooms next April, sufficient room may be vacated to admit twenty-five of the forty pupils who will seek admission by virtue of having passed the fifth anniversary of their birth. The coming summer should see some provision made for the admission of the pupils who will be ready to enter in April of 1904, and I recommend that immediate attention be given to this matter that no disappointment be experienced in April of 1904 by those entitled to the privileges of our schools at that time.

Considering now the intellectual and moral work of the schools for which so great outlay in things material is made, I wish to call attention to the good work done in our High School in the commercial course and in the science work. By referring to these I do not intend to disparage the work in any other branches, for visitors have paid high compliments upon all the work observed, but the equipment in the commercial course and in the science work has been recently completed by the purchase of three more typewriters and additional apparatus needed for the proper treatment of the science work.

As this last term is the first since the introduction of Typewriting and Stenography in which we could feel that the work was not suffering by the lack of previous preparation of the pupils, it is

of interest to note what our pupils are able to do in those subjects under what may be considered normal conditions. The number taking Shorthand this year is twenty-eight, ten Seniors and eighteen Juniors. The time given this work is three forty-five minute periods per week for the Juniors and two forty-five minute periods per week for the Seniors. At the end of four months the average speed of the Juniors was 90 words per minute, while the Seniors have an average speed of 140 words per minute, with individuals attaining 150 and probably 175 by the end of the year. The work is graded with a view to obtaining speed and accuracy, the first year being devoted to the mastering of the principles, supplemented by dictation work on letters in various lines of business. This work is continued during the second year, with the addition of legal dictation, and such as shall render the pupil competent to take dictation in a variety of subjects.

The number taking Typewriting is twenty-seven, ten Seniors and seventeen Juniors. Two forty-five minute periods per week are given in both these classes. Work in dictation, taken directly on the machine, as well as copy work is given and accuracy is made as important an end as speed. The speed has not been determined as an average for either class but some of the Seniors are able to take dictation at the rate of sixty-five words per minute.

It is certainly gratifying to learn that the organization known as the Reading High School Athletic Association is very popular, enrolling in its membership a large majority of the pupils. "A constitution and by-laws have been adopted, in accordance with which all athletic interests of the school are subject to the control of a board of directors, consisting of the master and sub-master of the school, the superintendent of schools, one physician of the town, two graduates, and three under-graduates. Pupils whose average scholarship is below seventy per cent. or who are deficient in any study, are not entitled to participate in any scheduled game. Thus

we hope to make athletics an incentive to good scholarship, rather than a hindrance." Already the effect of the organization has been observed on the athletic field where our young men have conducted themselves in a manly, sportsman-like manner.

The following portion of the principal's report is of interest as it shows the preference for science and commercial work in our school rather than classical studies.

"Number admitted from Grammar School	51
" " " other schools	1
" " through change of residence	6
" " from North Reading	20
Average age of entering class	14.9 y.

Our courses of study are sufficiently broad to appeal to the individual choice and capacity.

The enrollment of pupils in the different departments, for the month of September, was as follows:

Number in English, including literature, composition and rhetoric, (required of all)	181
Number in ancient languages, Greek and Latin	69
Number in modern languages, French and German	58
Number in the sciences, physics, chemistry, zoology and botany	147
Number in mathematics, algebra and geometry	128
Number in commercial branches, arithmetic, book-keeping, stenography and typewriting	157
Number in history, English, United States, Greek and Roman	102
Number in drawing	83

Our courses of study fit pupils for college, scientific schools, state normal schools, or as graduates of the commercial department, for responsible positions in business offices. In this connection the record of the class of 1902 may be of some interest. Of the twenty-

four pupils who graduated, nine have entered higher institutions, including college, normal, art, and scientific schools ; eight have obtained positions in business offices as book-keepers, stenographers and type-writers ; three are doing further work in the High School in preparation for scientific courses of study.

Pupils who satisfactorily complete the college preparatory or the scientific course receive the principal's certificate which admits them without examinations to each of the following named colleges and universities: Boston University, Brown University, Amherst College, Amherst Agricultural College, Dartmouth College, Wellesley College, Tufts College.

In accordance with the by-laws and rules of the New England College Entrance Certificate Board, recently organized at Boston, no certificate will be accepted after January 1st, 1904, by any institution represented in the above mentioned Board from any school in New England which has not been approved by the Board."

A list of text books used in the Reading High School will be found farther on in this report.

"Special attention has been given to declamation and to debate. Three public rhetorical exercises were held, one by each of the three upper classes, all the pupils having some part assigned to them. Those exercises were much enjoyed, and plainly showed what study and careful drill may do for our pupils, in the way of effective speaking. Since the opening of the fall term, the classes have been organized as deliberative bodies for the purpose of affording practice in debate and for the practical study of parliamentary rules and usages. Weekly meetings have been planned for the last hour of Wednesday under the supervision of the teachers." In these ways the pupils are given a little experience in those matters that will engage their attention in later years, and thus for them school life makes contact with that of the world in general, and a

new significance is given to much in their work that would otherwise seem without purpose.

In considering the work in the grades it is pleasant to report that, in accordance with my recommendation of a year ago, the girls of the seventh and eighth grades are now receiving instruction once a week in sewing and those of the sixth once in two weeks. The report of Miss Wilson, who is in charge of this work, shows that the pupils have a keen interest in the work and that the teacher has high ideals of the value of it. Her aim is to take up the work so carefully that the results shall show a thorough knowledge of each step. The various stitches are first taken up and the materials for securing the necessary drill are furnished by the committee, but the parents are expected to furnish the cloth for articles made for the home. Other results which Miss Wilson aims to secure by means of sewing are concentration and self-reliance, also a sympathy with and the power to meet domestic needs, so that in a peculiar way our pupils make contact with the real work of mature life, and school work has the greater significance.

The work in cardboard construction has been introduced into still lower grades so that now all the pupils of the Highland School, numbering nearly five hundred, are deriving great benefit from well directed work in various kinds of manual training. It is found that variety in this work adds greatly to the interest and so to the final results. Our teachers are taking quite an interest in basketry, and twelve of them are receiving instruction from Mr. H. T. Leavis, an expert in this work, and when these teachers have completed their preparation, I recommend that they be given an opportunity to impart their skill to the pupils under their charge. I make this suggestion not for the purpose of adding to the work of the children, but for the purpose of taking up different kinds of work at different seasons of the year. For the same reason I would be glad to see the children busy for a little time each week

of the spring and fall with small gardens that might be located at the rear of the school building, as soon as the amount of the regular appropriation will admit. It would require two or three hundred dollars to carry out the plan, but a portion might be prepared each year, which would provide a small space for the pupils of one or two rooms to begin with. I would not be misunderstood in a recommendation of this nature. The thought is not to add to the child's difficulties in securing an education but to furnish him in school the actual things to deal with that must engross his thought in mature life, and so give point to all drill exercises in the school room, and more than that to give opportunity to develop an appreciation of the rights of others, of the mutual dependence of one upon the other. These lessons growing out of their actual life and experience will prove helpful in their study of geography and history, and better than all will develop right character by virtue of conduct which must be to a large degree in harmony with the laws of nature.

The work in Humane Education continues to hold the interest of all the pupils from the first grade to the eighth inclusive, while the programs rendered in the commemoration of the various historical events certainly afford very impressive lessons in patriotism.

The interest taken in the Stamp Savings movement can be best judged by a brief report on the business transacted during the last three months, (Oct. 1—Dec. 31). Amount of stamps purchased, One Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars and Thirteen Cents ($179.13). Amount withdrawn from deposit, Thirty-Eight Dollars and Fifty-Eight Cents ($38.58). Number of depositors Jan. 12, 1903, Two Hundred Thirty-Nine (239) out of Four Hundred Fifty-Eight (458) total.

For the last three years a partial report has been made on the course of study, at one time treating one subject and again another while in actual practice we have been bringing the grades into form

in accordance with new books introduced or new methods adopted. This year an outline of work for each grade has been placed in the hands of each teacher, and while everything is not definitely marked out for the teacher, we have good reason to expect good results from it, as the work has been gradually taking this form for the past three years.

Again I feel it my duty to call the attention of the committee as well as that of our good citizens to the distinct loss sustained by our schools through the frequent change of teachers. In the last twelve months we have lost ten, among whom we count some of our most successful teachers. In some cases the advance in salary offered them, in two instances one hundred fifty dollars, was clearly too great for us to match, but usually it would have been possible to retain them at an advance of fifty or seventy-five dollars more than our funds would permit. I appreciate the fact that the appropriation for schools is the largest on the list of town expenses and a wise economy must be shown in the use of it. The question still arises, are we warranted in holding the services of our teachers at so low a value that our children shall suffer by these frequent changes in instruction. From several intelligent citizens I have heard an emphatic negative answer to this question, and it only remains for a sufficient number of them to be convinced of this to secure an appropriation enough larger to enable us to retain our teachers longer.

The work of Mr. Archibald has become so well known to you all that I need only to say that it is my belief that like excellent results might be secured in all departments of our school if we were in position to retain the best teachers we succeed in securing from time to time. We pay well for the time we take of our Supervisor of Music but the results are manifold more than would be secured by pursuing a different policy. Last spring a fine program was given consisting of selections from Schumann and Shubert. The

weather was not favorable but those who attended were well repaid for the effort.

Miss Parker reports a steady gain in Drawing, which is sure to follow the work of an efficient teacher for a number of years. This year charcoal has been used in the High School for the study of light and shade, and the results have been encouraging. She refers to the visit of the State Supervisor of Drawing on Oct. 27, 1902.

"In the morning he gave a very helpful and suggestive talk to the High School, making an earnest plea for more thoughtful and artistic planning and spacing of all written work, including scientific note books. The afternoon was spent in the grammar schools and concluded with an inspiring meeting for teachers, to which those of Wakefield were also invited.

The interest in school-room decoration has been well sustained throughout the year. On March 24, 1902, under the auspices of the Public School Art League, a lecture was given by Mrs. Grace Hyde Trine, on the Ancient Cliff Dwellers of the Southwest. The proceeds of this lecture enabled the purchase of a large plaster medallion of a Madonna and Child by Michaelangelo, and a solar enlargement of Millet's painting, "Feeding Her Birds." Both of these were placed in the John Street School. A beautiful illustrated book, entitled "Masters of Art," was added to the High School library and two framed photographs of ruins of cliff dwellings, presented by Mrs. Trine, were hung in the Highland School. The High School has been the grateful recipient of a large and beautiful solar print of Mt. Vernon, the home of Washington, through the courtesy of the Faneuil Hall Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. As has been the custom for several years, the graduating classes of the Highland School added to the decoration of that building a plaster cast by Andreadella Robbia, entitled, "Boys playing on drums." The rearranging and distributing of the

pictures and busts in the High School, with the tinting and renovating of the walls have increased wonderfully the attractive appearance of the rooms."

Mr. Walter F. Brackett has charge of the Manual Training work this year and under his tactful management the boys are giving as fine specimens of work as we have had since the installation of the plant three years ago this spring. He suggests that the pupils of our eighth grade are capable of doing the work of the third year of the course and recommends that the boys of the sixth grade be allowed to start in with the course so that it may be completed by those in eighth grade. When we consider Mr. Brackett's underlying purpose in this work, I believe that we shall all agree that his suggestion is worthy of consideration. He says,—"While the models made are of secondary importance, that is,—it is the child not the model we seek to make,—the model ought to be an index of what has been done for the child. It is his expression of what he has perceived or received."

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation of your cordial support, and of the hearty cooperation of the teachers in carrying out our plans for the betterment of the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

MELVILLE A. STONE,

Superintendent of Schools.

LIST OF TEXT BOOKS USED IN THE READING HIGH SCHOOL.

ENGLISH:

English and American Authors, Blaisdell.
English Exercises, Strong.
Composition and Rhetoric, Scott and Denney.
Elements of Rhetoric and English composition, Carpenter.
Grammar, Whitney and Lockwood.
Manual of English and American Literature, Shaw.
Selections from standard English and American literature.

GERMAN:

Collar's Shorter Eysenbach, Curtis.
A German Method for Beginners, E. J. Lange.

FRENCH:

Grammar, Chardenal.
Composition, Blouet.
Selections from classic and modern French literature.

GREEK:

Grammar, Goodwin.
Iliad, Seymore.
Lessons, White.
Prose, Jones.
Prose, Woodruff.
Xenophon, Harper.

HISTORY:

English, Montgomery.
General, Myers.
Greek, Myers.
Roman, Myers.
United States, McLaughlin, Channing, McMaster.

LATIN:

Cicero, Allen and Greenough.
Compositions, Jones.
Compositions, Moulton and Collar.
First Year Latin, Collar.
Grammar, Allen and Greenough.
Nepos, Lindsay.
Ovid, Kelsey.
Second Year Latin, D'Ooge.
Virgil, Allen and Greenough.

MATHEMATICS:

Algebra, Academic, Wells.
Algebra, Essentials of, Wells.
Algebra, College, Wells.
Business Arithmetic, Williams and Rogers.
Office Routine and Book-keeping, Williams and Rogers.
Geometry, Hobbs, Wentworth.

MUSIC:

The Euterpean, Tuft.
Songs of the Nation, Johnson.
Four Part Song Reader, Veazie.

SCIENCE:

Astronomy, Young.
Botany, Foundations of, Bergen.
Chemistry, Newell, Williams.
Geology, Le Conte.
Physics, Wentworth and Hill.
Physics, Gilley.
Physical Geography, Tarr.
Physiology, Overton.
Zoology, Burnet.

Stenography:

Shorthand, Gregg.

Political Science:

Civil Government, Fiske.
Civil Government, Hindale.
Political Economy, Chapin.

REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICER.

From Jan. 1st to Oct. 1st, 1902.

Number of absentees reported		32
Cases found to be truancy	8	
Cases found to be sickness	1	
Kept at home by parents	17	
Taken to school	2	
Not found	2	
Insufficiently clothed	2	

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERIC D. MERRILL,

Truant Officer.

Reading, January 19th, 1903.

REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICER

From Nov. 1, 1902, to Jan. 1, 1903.

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Number of absentees reported		10
Cases found to be truancy	8	
Cases found to be sickness	1	
Kept out to work	1	

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK A. BUTTERS,

Truant Officer.

READING HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 1902

GRADUATING EXERCISES

IN

OLD SOUTH CHURCH

Wednesday Evening, June 18, 1902, at 7.45 O'clock.

PROGRAMME.

"CERTUM PETE FINEM.'

PRAYER,

REV. F. S. HUNNEWELL.

SINGING, God of our Fathers — Schnecker

School.

SALUTATORY AND ORATION,

Elements of Strength in American Democracy

RALPH STEVENS KENEELY.

SINGING, In Spring — Bargeil

Girls Chorus.

ESSAY, The Business Girl

NELLIE RAYMOND BARR.

ORATION, Expansion

GUY HALL RUGGLES.

SINGING, Bridal Chorus, from the Rose Maiden — Cowen

School.

ORATION, American Cartoons and Caricature

HERMAN COPELAND BOWSER.

SINGING, (a) Church in the Wildwood

(b) Stars of the Summer Night

High School Quartet.

Messrs. Bancroft, Cullinane, Keneely, Whittier.

ESSAY, The Men and Women of the Great To-morrow

ELIZABETH BERTHA BEAUDRY.

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS, The Class and the Individual

JENNIE GERTRUDE FRANCIS.

SINGING, Soldiers' Chorus from Faust

School.

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS,

MR. W. S. PARKER.

NAMES OF GRADUATES.

CLASSICAL COURSE.

Jennie Gertrude Francis

LATIN-SCIENTIFIC COURSE.

Arthur Willard Bancroft
Ralph Stevens Keneely
Harold Carter Winship
Guy Hall Ruggles
Harold Williams Wright

SCIENTIFIC COURSE.

Prescott Raymond Nichols
Eustis Bosson

NORMAL COURSE.

Elizabeth Bertha Beaudry

GENERAL COURSE.

Herman Copeland Bowser
Daniel Cullinane
James Wickens
Chester Russell Whittier
Lillian Gaudin Cook
Alice Cushing Nash
Della Gertrude Morse
Edna Louise Marshall
Grace Delia Doyle
Etta Mae Connolly
Adele Savage Tucker
Nellie Raymond Barr
Louise Bradley Eames
Samuel Dean Rounds
Abbie Estella Steele.

GRADUATES FROM THE HIGHLAND SCHOOL, 1902.

Abbott, Helen R.
Adams, Richard
Atkinson, Mildred A.
Badger, Maude P.
Barstow, Edward F.
Batchelder, Amy E.
Batchelder, Oscar W.
Beaudry, G. Bennie
Bruorton, Beryl A.
Burgess, R. Scott
Capen, Frances
Card, Mary A.
Chandler, Mildred G.
Cone, Emma T.
Cummings, Augustine
Doucette, Edith F.
Eames, Clarence G.
Emerson, Esther F.
Forbes, Genevieve
Green, Helen C.
Hanson, C. Lowell
Horrocks, Percy
Horrocks, Robert
Hunnewell, Stanley P.
Hunter, William A.
Ide, Fannie J.
Jeffrey, William G.
Killam, Elsie M.
Livermore, Harold C.
Livingston, Edith M.
Lord, George
Loring, William H.
Manning, Ernest W.
Mansfield, Winnie I.
Marsh, Bennie H.
Marsh, Ethel L.
McGarry, Abbie
McGarry, Charles
Nichols, Olive B.
Parker, Bertha L.
Parker, Harrison B.
Parkins, Catherine H.
Peabody, Dean
Perley, Reuben N.
Pooch, Annie S.
Ramsay, Andrewina
Robertson, Adelaide L.
Rounds, Roland
Runkle, Edna M.
Smart, Olive
Swain, Ethel F.
Swanson, Carl H.
Tucker, Annie E.
Turner, E. Harrison
Turner, Thomas F.
Turner, Wilbur F., Jr.
White, Isabel G.
White, John E.
White, Sybil M.

STATISTICS TAKEN FROM REPORT TO THE STATE BOARD IN APRIL, 1902, AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN TOWN BETWEEN 5 AND 15 YEARS.

Sept. 1899	832
" 1900	853
" 1901	890
" 1902	915

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN TOWN BETWEEN 7 AND 14 YEARS.

Sept. 1899	648
" 1900	648
" 1901	680
" 1902	636

Length of school year, 1901-1902	40 wks.
Number of days lost from stormy days, etc.	23
Actual length of school year	8 mos. 17 d.
Number of different pupils enrolled for the year ending June 20, 1902	1076

Average number in each of the twelve grades for first four months of school year.

Year	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	Special	Total
1899	120	103	102	87	108	75	93	68	56	46	17	23	5	903
1900	127	136	66	107	89	98	66	82	49	37	36	14		907
1901	177	102	108	77	105	87	97	64	61	42	28	25	5	978
1902	142	126	90	86	117	98	100	70	56	64	34	21	4	1008

TEACHERS IN SERVICE, WHERE EDUCATED, AND YEAR WHEN FIRST APPOINTED.

ALSO ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE TERM YEAR ENDING DEC. 23, 1902.

School.	Grade.	Teacher.	Where Educated.	First Appointed	Salary	Total Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance	Number of cases of Tardiness	Number neither Absent nor Tardy
High	XII	F. E. Whittemore, Principal	Brown University	1891	$1,750	183	177.5	170.7	96.2	88	42
"	XI	Fred W. Gentleman	Dartmouth	1902	650						
"	X	Mabel S. Robbins	Boston University, 2 years	1901	750						
"	IX	Jennie E. Wier	Boston University	1901	725						
"		Clara D. Merriman	Wellesley College, 2 years	1900	700						
"		Jennie F. Currier	Radcliffe, Special	1900	700						
"		Carrie L. Mason	Boston University	1902	550						
"	half time	Mary H. Wait	Radcliffe	1902	300						
Highland		Alice Barrows, Principal	Bridgewater Normal	1880	900						
"	VIII	Minnie E. Haas	Hyannis Normal	1901	400	39	35.5	34	94.9	18	8
"	VIII	Emma S. Page	N. H. State Normal	1899	600	41	37.5	35.6	94.9	6	10
"	VII	Mary W. Baker	Salem Normal	1899	500	53	49.7	44.9	89.9	68	3
"	VII	May M. Badger	Bridgewater Normal	1902	400	51	50.2	46.8	93.2	65	2
"	VI	Esther G. Bailey	Bridgewater Normal	1901	425	53	50.1	45.5	91	41	3
"	VI	Mabel R. Miller	Emerson College of Oratory	1902	375	54	48.6	43	88.5	42	6
"	V	Edith A. Estes	Gorham Normal	1901	425	47	44.3	38.9	87.9	35	6
"	V	Alice E. Hood	Concord, N. H., Training	1902	425	47	44.8	41.3	91.8	22	2
"	IV	Bessie G. Hurlbutt	Wellesley, 3 years	1901	375	40	35.2	32	92.3	29	2
"	IV	Jennie Adams Drew	Newburyport Training	1902	500	47	44.6	40.6	91	41	1
Union St.	III-IV	Laura C. Pollard, Principal	Salem Normal	1899	500	39	36.5	33.5	91.8	6	3
"	III	Ruth E. Lane	N. H. State Normal	1901	425	37	31.8	29.1	91.6	16	1
"	II	Annie P. Reid	Reading High	1884	400	49	41.3	36.5	87.2	34	2
"	I	Myra K. Parker	Reading High	1898	400	45	41.7	35.7	84	27	0
John St.	II	M. Grace Wakefield	Salem Normal	1890	450	41	36.4	32.2	88.4	16	2
"	I	Lucy E. Morgan	Oberlin College	1894	500	56	47.3	39 9	84.4	47	0
Prospect St.	III-IV	Maud B. Kenerson	Salem Normal	1902	375	39	40.4	37.5	92.9	48	4
"	II-I	Clara B. Wright	Lowell Normal	1902	400	55	48	41.7	86.9	72	2
Chestnut Hill	IV-V	Gertrude B. Howard	Lowell Normal	1902	350	16	14.9	13.5	90.6	14	0
"	III-II-I	Ada R. Evarts	New Haven Normal	1902	375	21	17.5	15.3	88.3	38	0
Lowell St.	III-II-I	Mary W. Gill	Quincy Training	1902	375	39	37.2	29.8	87.3	10	3
						1090	1005.0	921.7			
SUPERVISORS											
Drawing		Annie B. Parker	Prang's Normal	1892	400						
Music		Fred W. Archibald	Holt's Inst.of Vocal Harmony	1894	650						
Sewing		Mary J. Wilson		1902	125						
Manual Training		Walter F. Brackett		1902	320						

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Appropriations:

General, for teachers, janitors, and fuel	$20,600 00	
Contingent, incidentals, books and supplies	4,000 00	
Received tuition	140 00	
Received rent	9 00	
Received for coal	1 25	
For superintendent of schools	1,000 00	
		$25,750 25

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for teachers, janitors, and fuel	$19,945 53	
Paid incidental expenses	2,766 57	
Paid for books and supplies	1,601 62	
Paid Superintendent of Schools	1,000 00	
Transportation	495 00	
Truant Officer	20 00	
Care of Haverhill Street building	5 00	
Total expenses		$25,833 70
Overdraft		83 47
General appropriation		$20,600 00
Paid teachers	$16,750 08	
Paid janitors	1,538 00	
Paid fuel	1,657 45	
Paid transportation	495 00	
Care Haverhill Street building	5 00	
Truant officer	20 00	
		$20,465 53
Balance		134 47

Appropriation for incidentals and supplies	$4,000 00	
Received tuition	140 00	
Received rent	9 00	
Received for coal	1 25	
		$4,150 25
Paid incidental expenses	$2,766 57	
Paid books and supplies	1,601 62	
		$4,368 19
Overdraft		$217 94
Balance in general account		134 47
Overdraft		$83 47
Paid salary of Superintendent of Schools		$1,000 00

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

PAID TEACHERS OF HIGH SCHOOL.

	SALARY	
F. E. Whittemore	$1,750 00	
Harold S. Conant	480 00	
Mabel S. Robbins	750 00	
Jennie E. Wier	725 00	
Clara D. Merriman	693 00	
Lillian Canavan	300 00	
Jennie F. Currier	640 00	
Fred W. Gentleman	260 00	
Carrie L. Mason	210 30	
Mary H. Wait	88 70	
		$5,897 00

HIGHLAND SCHOOL.

Alice Barrows	$900 00	
Edith F. Perley	138 13	
Amount carried forward	$1,038 13	

Amount brought forward	$1,038 13	
Minnie E. Haas	265 00	
Bessie G. Hurlbutt	360 00	
Emma S. Page	550 69	
Mary W. Baker	492 50	
Zelpha L. Thayer	228 75	
May M. Badger	160 00	
Esther G. Bailey	390 50	
Mabel R. Miller	145 10	
Edith A. Estes	380 00	
Marion C. Peabody	32 00	
Alice E. Hood	371 00	
E. Josephine Coffin	249 84	
Jennie Adams Drew	332 75	
		$4,996 26

UNION STREET SCHOOL.

Laura C. Pollard	$500 00	
M. Grace Wakefield	255 00	
Annie P. Reid	400 00	
Ruth E. Lane	130 98	
Myra K. Parker	400 00	
		$1,685 98

JOHN STREET SCHOOL.

Alice G. Phemister	$210 00	
Flora E. Hinman	225 00	
Lucy E. Morgan	200 00	
M. Grace Wakefield	180 00	
		$815 00

PROSPECT STREET SCHOOL.

Lucy E. Morgan	$285 00	
Sadie B. Wilson	249 52	
Maud B. Kenerson	150 00	
Clara B. Wright	160 00	
		$844 52

CHESTNUT HILL SCHOOL.

Minnie E. Haas	$105 00	
Gertrude B. Howard	232 32	
Alice L. Haynes	210 94	
Ada R. Evarts	147 18	
		$695 44

LOWELL STREET SCHOOL.

Ruth E. Lane	$240 00	
Mary W. Gill	147 18	
		$387 18

SPECIAL TEACHERS.

Annie B. Parker, drawing	$400 00	
F. W. Archibald, music	650 00	
Mary J. Wilson, sewing	81 25	
W. F. Brackett, manual training	128 00	
		$1,259 25

SUBSTITUTES.

Mrs. Abbie P. Granger	$78 00	
Mrs. Ida A. Young	21 00	
Bertha Beaudry	2 72	
Mrs. A. H. Jewett	5 50	
Mrs. Emma F. Bird	42 35	
Emma E. Morse	15 75	
May E. Clapp	4 13	
		$169 45

PAID JANITORS.

Clement Gleason, Highland	$700 00	
Frank A. Butters, (6 mos.) High, Union and John St.	300 00	
Daniel C. Sanborn, (6 mos.)	240 00	
Timothy Cummings, Prospect St.	120 00	
John Stock, (6 mos.) John St.	48 00	
Robert E. Parker, Chestnut Hill	80 00	
Charles F. Bessom, Lowell St.	50 00	
		$1,538 00

PAID.

Care of Haverhill St. building		$5 00

PAID FOR TRANSPORTATION.

Borthwick Bros.	$320 00	
Lawrence & Reading St. Ry.	175 00	
		$495 00

PAID FOR FUEL.

Calvin L. Martin	$1,578 20	
H. C. Barrows	36 25	
H. W. Batchelder	41 00	
Timothy Cummings	2 00	
		$1,657 45

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

American Express	$ 7 60	
American Steam Guage & Valve M'f'g Co.	20 00	
Atkinson, George H.	1 09	
Austin, H. K.	50	
Bancroft, Wendell & Co.	21 72	
Amount carried forward	$50 91	

Amount brought forward	$50 91
Barr, Nellie	9 60
Barrows, Alice	6 19
Bessom, Frank A.	3 00
Blunt, John A.	60
Borthwick Bros.	11 50
Bosson, H. P.	18 00
Butters, Frank A.	10 00
Chandler Adj. Desk & Chair Co.	201 50
Chandler & Barber	52 50
Clapp, R. D.	55 22
Cook, W. F.	291 29
Copeland & Bowser	5 52
Cummings Express	44 53
Cummings, Timothy	3 75
Electric Light & Power Dept.	20 46
Farnsworth, C. O.	2 08
Fife, T. C.	26
Francis Brothers	230 68
Franklin, Albert B. & Co.	138 82
Gleason, Clement	2 00
Hammett, J. L. Co.	15 25
Harding, H. H.	28 76
Holden's Patent Book Cover Co.	9 00
Johns, W. H. M'f'g Co.	100 18
Johnson, H. R.	102 25
Kendall, H. C.	6 00
Lamprey, Mollie	10 00
MacDonald, F. G.	1 00
Miller, H. F. Piano Co.	5 00
Muse, John	116 25
Amount carried forward	$1,552 10

Amount brought forward	$1,552	10
N. E. Asso. of School Supts.	3	00
Old South M. E. Church	20	45
Parker, H. M.	11	00
Parker, Robt. E.	2	50
Parker, S. E.	40	00
Perry, Geo. S.	56	70
People's Gas & Electric Co.	15	95
Pratt's Son, Daniel	19	00
Prentiss & Viall	68	40
Reading Masonic Temple Asso.	10	00
Reading Water Works	126	47
Seabury, S. M.	72	00
Smith, Alfred B.	1	00
Smith, Premier Typewriter Co.	70	00
Standard Blackboard Co.	26	90
Stewart & Robertson	6	40
Stock, John	79	10
Stone, Melville A.	71	98
Symonds, O. P. & Sons	2	50
Talbot Co.	3	00
Temple, A. W.	51	81
Tuttle, A. M. & Co.	6	55
Twombly, W. E. & J. F.	156	10
Typewriter Exchange	42	14
Vermille & Eames	94	30
Walworth M'f'g Co.	3	43
Whall, Thos. J.	28	29
Wightman, W. H.	48	00
Wycoff, Seamans & Benedict	70	00
Zwicker, Jason	7	50
		$2,766 57

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Allyn & Bacon	$3 34
American Book Co.	170 03
Appleton & Co., D.	23 36
Arnold, Roberts Co.	1 80
Atkinson, Geo. H.	3 81
Atkinson & Mentzer	54 00
Babb & Co., E. E.	156 47
Baird, A. F.	11 80
Bancroft & Co., Wendell	92 21
Barnard, F. J.	75 76
Boston Music Co.	13 36
Continental Brush Co.	50 25
Eagle Pencil Co.	18 50
Ginn & Co.	160 82
Hammett & Co., J. L.	172 26
Heath & Co., D. C.	14 97
Hemenway, J. S.	16 00
Knott & Co., L. E.	85 54
King & Co., Geo. F.	56 60
MacMillan Co.	34 00
Metcalf, E. C.	2 00
Morse Co.	47 86
Murphy, Leavens & Co.	9 00
Oliver Ditson Co.	10 43
Parker & Page	27 33
Rand, McNally Co.	32 10
Reading Co-operative Asso.	3 00
Russia Cement Co.	1 60
Silver, Burdett & Co.	43 14
Amount carried forward	$1,391 34

Amount brought forward	$1,391 34	
Suffolk Ink Co.	8 00	
Sulpho-Napthol Co.	3 00	
Thorp & Martin	2 50	
Twombly, W. E. & J. F.	41 00	
Typewriter Exchange	25 42	
Wadsworth, Howland & Co.	1 60	
Werner School Book Co.	113 25	
Willis, W. H.	2 25	
Wilson, Mary J.	7 30	
Winchester, Geo. A.	5 96	
	———	$1,601 62

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Appropriation			$1,000 00
Proceeds of dog tax, 1901 . . .			401 28
EXPENSES.			
Rent.			
Odd Fellows' Building Association . .		$475 00	
Light.			
Reading Electric Light Department . .		27 70	
Salaries.			
L. S. Cox, librarian . . .	$300 00		
Jessie Grouard, assistant . .	29 50		
B. Y. Smith, janitor . .	40 00		
		$369 50	
Books.			
Damrell & Upham . . .	$60 03		
C. E. Lauriat Company . .	172 12		
Old Corner Bookstore, Incp. .	198 23		
Harper & Bros. . . .	26 00		
A. W. Danforth, periodicals .	35 20		
American Library Co. . .	12 00		
		$503 58	
Sundries.			
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing		$25 50	
		$1,401 28	$1,401 28

FINE ACCOUNT.

Amount on hand Jan. 1, 1902	$183 41	
Received for catalogues	6 00	
Received for cards	4 50	
Received for fines	53 14	
		$247 05
Paid for binding books	$76 97	
Paid for cleaning	6 25	
Paid for expressage	3 05	
Paid for books and incidental supplies	3 78	
		$90 05
Balance		$157 00

The following volumes have been presented to the Library:

NAMES OF DONORS.	NUMBER OF VOLUMES
U. S. Documents and Reports	13
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	19
Miss Climena Wakefield	46
W. A. Sylvester	1
Reading Woman's Club	2
Others	7
	88

Number of new volumes added	423
Total number in library	9,590
Circulation, year ending Dec. 31, 1902	15,530
Largest single month, March	1,808
Smallest, June	990

A gift of especial importance consisted of 46 volumes, Warner's Library of Universal Literature, presented by Miss Climena Wakefield. In compliance with the donor's request these books

have been added to the reference section of the library, to be used only in the building.

Two changes in the usual routine of the library have been decided upon by vote of the Trustees, to be put into effect as soon as the necessary arrangements can be completed. These are, first, the opening of new accessions to patrons by placing the volumes upon shelves outside the regular alcoves, where they can be examined freely, and selections made for home use. It is hoped that this will promote a larger circulation of books other than fiction. Second, patrons will hereafter be allowed, upon request, a special library card, in addition to the ordinary card heretofore in use, entitling the holder to take any book not fiction. This will permit card holders to take two books at a time, instead of one, provided that one of the books so taken is not fiction.

At the close of the year, Miss Jessie Grouard, assistant librarian, resigned, and Miss Bertha Brown has been designated to succeed her.

Since January 1st Mr. Andrew Carnegie has notified the Chairman of the Trustees that he will, if the proposition is accepted by the town, provide $12,500 for the erection of a public library building, upon the sole conditions that a suitable site shall be provided by the town, and an agreement made to maintain the library by an annual appropriation of $1,250. As this sum is well within the amount which has been appropriated by the town for several successive years, and since at least as much as this would have to be expended if a library is to be maintained at all, the stipulation to raise it annually can hardly be considered a burdensome condition. The provision of a site is practically the only contributory expenditure the town would be required to make. If this offer, which will be brought before the town at the ensuing town meeting, is accepted, it would be appropriate to consider if a lot cannot be selected which would be available for the library and also for a

high school building whenever the town decides to erect one, as suggested by the report of the School Committee. Mr. and Mrs. William Carter have offered to present to the town a certain lot, if the location is considered acceptable. Other sites have also been suggested. But, in advance of action upon the main proposition, it is unnecessary to comment upon them.

The Trustees are strongly of the opinion that, if possible, such action should be taken by the town as will result in the provision of a suitable building for the library. Such a building ought to contain ample accommodations for a reading room, as well as provide for the expansion of the library as the town increases in population.

The library should be considered an important adjunct to the schools, and its influence as an educational institution promoted in every possible way. If a proper building is provided, the entire collection may be re-arranged, properly classified and catalogued, so as to much increase its usefulness. The work involved in classifying and cataloguing the 10,000 volumes now on our shelves cannot be satisfactorily carried out until the library is permanently housed in such a building. We trust our citizens will bear this in mind, in acting upon Mr. Carnegie's offer.

Two vacancies in the Board require to be filled at the annual meeting, the terms of Harley Prentiss and Henry G. Kittredge expiring.

We recommend that the usual appropriation of $1000 be made, in addition to the proceeds of the dog tax, for the maintenance of the library during the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE G. WADLIN, *Chairman*,
CYRUS M. BARROWS, *Secretary*,
J. WOODWARD MANNING,
HENRY G. KITTREDGE,
HARLEY PRENTISS,
FREDERIC E. WHITTEMORE,
Trustees.

Reading, January, 1903.

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS.

	APPROP'ATION	SUNDRY CREDITS	TOTAL AMOUNT INCLUDING APPROP'ATION	EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED	OVERDRAWN
Salaries of Town Officers	$3,500 00		$3,500 00	$3,417 39	$82 61	
Town Building and Office	300 00		300 00	340 89		$40 89
Printing	500 00		500 00	504 30		4 30
Election Expenses	300 00		300 00	335 65		35 65
Decoration and Care of Soldiers' Graves	175 00		175 00	175 00		
Burial Agent's Account				35 00		35 00
Soldiers' Relief	1,200 00	$ 265 00	1,465 00	1,503 96		38 96
Soldiers' Relief, Acct. Town of Lynnfield				101 50		101 50
Soldiers' Relief Acct. Town of North Reading		77 15	77 15	89 15		12 00
Soldiers' Relief Acct. City of Brockton		34 28	34 28	47 46		13 18
Account Charles L. Haag				83 99		83 99
Grace McKay vs. Town of Reading				745 30		745 30
Howard Place Note	2,500 00		2,500 00	2,500 00		
Municipal Light and Power Plant						
Maintenance	4,000 00		4,000 00	4,000 00		
Construction	2,500 00		2,500 00	2,500 00		
Interest on Bonds and Notes	2,019 00		2,019 00	2,019 00		
Reduction of Municipal Light Debt						
Note issued May 1, 1896	1,400 00		1,400 00	1,400 00		
Bond No. 8, issue 1894	1,000 00		1,000 00	1,000 00		
Reading Water Works						
Reduction of Water Loan	7,000 00		7,000 00	7,000 00		
Hydrant Rentals	4,830 00		4,830 00	4,830 00		
Interest on Water Loan	1,500 00		1,500 00	1,500 00		
Drinking Fountains	300 00		300 00	300 00		
Street Sprinkler	300 00		300 00	300 00		
Service Pipes	1,000 00		1,000 00	1,000 00		
Interest on School House Bonds	1,400 00	80 00	1,480 00	1,480 00		
Interest on School House Notes	312 50		312 50	312 50		
School House Bonds						
Issue Aug. 1, 1895	2,000 00		2,000 00	2,000 00		
State and Military Aid	2,800 00		2,800 00	2,992 00		192 00
Miscellaneous Expenses	900 00	29 30	929 30	1,422 05		492 75

Care and Improvement of Common and Parks	150 00		150 00	91 05	58 95	
Swan, Estate		108 00	108 00	24 61	83 39	
Interest	300 00	1,895 22	2,195 22	2,540 67		345 45
Abatement of Taxes	600 00		600 00	599 98	02	
Highways, Bridges and Repairs of Sidewalks	3,000 00	3,241 90	6,241 90	6,241 90		
Concrete Sidewalks and Edgestones (Abutters to pay one-half)	300 00	135 61	435 61	271 20	164 41	
Concrete Gutters, Crosswalks & Paved Gutters	200 00		200 00	393 27		193 27
Repairs of Concrete	300 00	109 52	409 52	409 52		
Removal of Snow and Ice		682 90	682 90	682 90		
Street Sprinkling	400 00		400 00	320 83	79 17	
Vine street—Middlesex Ave. to Mineral street		300 00	300 00	300 00		
Fire Department	3,600 00	49 40	3,649 40	3,683 62		34 22
Forest Fires	150 00		150 00	118 93	31 07	
House and Land, Hose 3	1,300 00		1,300 00	1,330 50		30 50
Entrance to Town Building (Hook & Ladder No. 1)	100 00		100 00	136 04		36 04
Hose Wagon	450 00		450 00	450 00		
Police Department	2 600 00	43 00	2,643 00	2,810 55		167 55
Board of Health	600 00		600 00	636 71		36 71
Laurel Hill Cemetery	900 00	375 00	1,275 00	1,274 81	19	
Overseers of the Poor Account	4,000 00	1,289 28	5,289 28	6,034 63		745 35
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		71 00	71 00	424 90		353 90
City of Waltham				105 00		105 00
City of Melrose				18 00		18 00
City of Woburn				25 15		25 15
Acct. Mary Jane Weinburg				33 50		33 50
Schools	21,600 00		21,600 00	21,464 28	135 72	
School Incidentals	4,000 00	149 00	4,149 00	4,368 17		219 17
Public Library	1,000 00	401 28	1,401 28	1,401 28		
	$87,286 50	$9,336 84	$96,623 34	$100,127 14	$635 53	$4,139 33
Overdrawn	$4,139 33					
Unexpended	635 53		$3,503 80			
Expenses for the year 1902			101,127 14			
Add Temporary Loans			82,000 00			
Total Selectmen's orders			$182,127 14			

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS (Continued).

Expenses above			100,127 14			
Less following amounts due on account year 1902						
Grace McKay vs. Town of Reading	745 30					
State and Military Aid	2,894 00					
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Account of Burial Agent	35 00					
Commonwealth of Massachusetts (estimated)	200 00					
City of Waltham	105 00					
City of Melrose	18 00					
City of Woburn	25 15					
Account Mary Jane Weinburg	33 50					
Town of Lynnfield	101 50					
Town of North Reading	12 00					
City of Brockton	13 18					
Charles L. Haag	83 99		4,266 62			
Net expenses			95,860 52			
Less sundry credits for the year 1902 as above			9,336 84			
Amount raised by taxation and appropriations from available assets			$86,523 68			

DR. EDWARD F. PARKER, TREASURER,

To cash in Treasury, January, 1902	$4,367 52
To cash received from State Treasurer, Corporation Tax, 1901	120 08
" " " National Bank Tax, 1901	56 62
" " " National Bank Tax, 1902	1,452 41
" " " Corporation Tax, 1902	3,237 13
" " " Military Aid, 1901	91 00
" " " State Aid, 1901	2,670 00
" " " Burial of Indigent Soldiers	105 00
" " " Street R. R. Tax	1,556 78
" " " Support of State Paupers	94 23
" " County Treasurer, Dog Tax, 1901	4'1 28
" " Hired Money, temporary loan	5,000 00
" " Hired Money, in anticipation of taxes	82,000 00
" " H. M. Viall, Collector, Street Railroad Tax	1,362 59
To cash paid Treasurer on orders drawn	643 00
To cash received from Selectmen, Edgestones and Concrete	205 39
" " " Auctioneer's License	6 00
" " " Bill Overpaid	6 00
" " " Account of Henry Batchelder	48 00
" " " Account of Mary Gowing	169 46
" " First National Bank, interest on deposits	129 07
" " Supt. of Streets, material sold	7 76
" " Supt. of Schools, material sold and tuition	29 00
" " City of Brockton, outside poor	85 29
" " " Waltham, " "	23 00
" " " Melrose, " "	7 00
" " Town of Wakefield, " "	4 29
" " " North Reading, outside poor	197 15
" " " Arlington, outside poor	13 23
" " Fourth District Court, fines	40 00
" " Master House of Correction, fines	3 00
" " Reading-Wakefield St. Railroad	13 50
" " Reading Water Works, Ipswich Mills Account	2,395 77
" " W. F. Spinney, bill paid twice	49 40
" " Benjamin McAllister, Account Soldiers' Relief	217 00
" " New England Tel. and Tel. Co	2 10
" " Cash returned, bill overpaid	9 80
" " Mrs. James T. Norris, Cemetery bequest	30 00
" " J. S. Temple, Executor, Cemetery bequest	100 00
" " Clarence J. Nichols, Cemetery bequest	100 00
" " Income from Swan Estate	108 00
" " Supt. of Cemetery, lots sold	375 00
" " Overseers of the Poor, Town Home	363 66
" " H. M. Viall, Collector List of 1899, after Abatement	16 57
" " " " " " " " 1900	13,025 00
" " " " " " " " 1901	19,900 00
" " " " " " " " 1902	56,075 00
	$196,912 08

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF READING, Cr.

By paying	Corporation Tax, balance 1901	$ 55 24
" "	County Tax, 1902	4,776 69
" "	State Tax, 1902	2,280 00
" "	National Bank Tax, 1902	254 82
" "	Repairs of State Highways	53 50
" "	Selectmen's Orders	182,127 14
" Cash in Treasury, January, 1903		7,364 69
		$196,912 08

EDWARD F. PARKER, *Treasurer.*

Cr. TOWN OF READING WATER SUPPLY

By Cash in Treasury Jan. 1st, 1902	$	23 98
" " received from Water Commissioners		28,033 48
" " " " Bonds sold		2,000 00
" " " " Premium on bonds sold		225 10
" " " " Interest " " "		9 19
" " " " " " deposits		49 14
	$	30,340 89

Cr. TOWN OF READING ELEC. LT. & POWER PLANT

By Cash in Treasury Jan. 1st, 1902	$	31 54
" " received from Electric Light Commission		17,836 13
	$	17,867 67

Art. 3. To bring in their votes on one ballot for Town Clerk, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, one member of Board of Assessors for three years, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, one member of Board of Health for three years, two Constables, one Water Commissioner for three years, one member of the Municipal Light Board for three years, one Trustee of Laurel Hill Cemetery to fill unexpired term of the late Edward F. Brooks, two Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery for three years, two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, two members of the School Committee for three years, three Auditors, and Tree Warden for one year; also on same ballot Yes or No in answer to the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Art. 4. To choose all other necessary Town Officers, and to determine what instructions they will give the Town Officers.

Art. 5. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for Schools, Incidental School Expenses, Superintendent of Schools, Repairs of Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks, Removing Snow and Ice, Concrete Sidewalks and Edgestones (provided abutters pay one-half), Fire Department, Forest Fire Wards, Support of Poor, Salaries of Town Officers, State and Military Aid, Soldiers' Relief, Printing, Abatement of Taxes, Town Building, Cemetery, Public Library, Memorial Day, Board of Health, Care of Old South Clock, Interest Account, Care and Improvement of the Common, Mayall Park and Elm Park, Election Expenses, Concrete Gutters, Crosswalks and Paved Gutters, Repairs of Concrete, for the Committee on Sewerage, Miscellaneous Expenses and Tree Warden.

Art. 6 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of eighty-two hundred and eighty dollars for the purpose of maintaining one hundred and thirty-eight arc lights at sixty dollars per light, and appropriate the same together with receipts of Plant for maintenance and interest accounts of the Municipal Light and

Power Plant for the year 1903, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars and appropriate the unexpended balance of the year 1902 for construction and extension of the Municipal Light and Power Plant for the year ending December 31st, 1903, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 8. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of erecting an arc light at the corner of Haverhill and Wakefield Sts., or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to install two alternating arc lamps in the centre of the town and eighty dollars for maintaining same from midnight until daylight, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 10. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of erecting an arc light on South St. between the residences of Wm. Horatio Clarke and Joseph Marshall, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 11. To see what instructions the Town will give the Water Commissioners in regard to the claim for damages made by C. J. Norwood of Hamilton, Mass.

Art. 12. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for service pipes, hydrant rental, water for drinking fountains, water for street sprinkling, interest on water loan and maintenance of water works.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will authorize the Water Commissioners to lay water pipes on Village St. from Green to Washington St., and on Washington St. from Village St. to a point near Elliott St., and authorize the issue of Bonds to pay for same, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 14. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the laying of a connecting water main from West St. near the Woburn line through South St. to a point near Walnut St., or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the municipal year.

Art. 16. To determine the compensation of the Collector.

Art. 17. To see what instructions the Town will give the Board of Selectmen in relation to filling the vacancies on the Finance Committee of the five members whose terms expire this year.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the purpose of furnishing electricity for lighting Grand Army Hall on Haven Street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars to furnish electricity for the Home for Aged Women.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five dollars to furnish water for the Home for Aged Women.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen hundred and twenty dollars to meet the interest on School House Bonds.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred twelve dollars and fifty cents to meet the interest on School House Notes.

Art. 23. To see what action the Town will take to meet payment of Electric Light and Power Plant note for fourteen hundred dollars due May 1, 1903.

Art. 24. To see what action the Town will take to meet payment of Haven Street paving note for one thousand dollars due November 27, 1903.

Art. 25. To see what instructions the Town will give to the Selectmen in the suit of Charles G. Tucker, administrator of the estate of Charles G. Tucker, Jr., vs. Town of Reading and New England Telephone and Telegraph Company jointly.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will accept the offer of Mr. Andrew Carnegie to give twelve thousand five hundred dollars for the erection of a Public Library building in Reading upon condition that the town will provide a suitable site therefor and agree to raise and appropriate annually at least one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars for the maintenance of a Public Library therein; and to see what further action, if any, they will take in relation thereto.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will purchase the estate of Oliver W. Austin on the corner of Harnden and Pleasant Sts. for the use of the several departments of the Town, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 28. To see if the town will remodel the present Town Building on Pleasant St. for the exclusive use of the several departments of the Town and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to erect a Fire Department building on land of the Town east of the Town Building on Pleasant St. and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 30. To see if the Town will take some action whereby the officers of the different departments of the Town may be concentrated, and a saving in expense thereby be brought about, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 31. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to place Tower Strikers in houses of Hose No. 3 and No. 4, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 32. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to purchase a Storage Battery for the Fire Alarm System, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 33. To see if the town will authorize the Board of Fire Engineers to establish a Fire Alarm Box at the junction of Green and Village Streets, and raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 34. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for the purpose of setting edgestones around the south-westerly part of the Common where the drinking fountain now stands, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 35. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to have the car tracks paved from Summer Avenue to West Street, and from opposite Linden Street to the foot of Haven Street, or what action will the Town take in relation thereto.

Art. 36. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate to construct a sidewalk on the southerly side of Auburn Street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 37. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for the purpose of building a sidewalk on Oak St., from West St. to the estate of Joseph S. Robinson, and for removing bushes on the north side of said street from West Street to the estate of Charles B. Eames, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 38. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the purpose of raising the grade of the sidewalk at the corner of Haven and Chute Sts., or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 39. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate two thousand dollars or a sufficient sum for the purchase of a portable stone crusher, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 40. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to close up the highway, crossing the Common from Woburn to Union Streets, and make such alterations at the extreme south end of the Common as will seem to them to best accord with public convenience without injury to the Common.

Art. 41. To see what action the Town will take toward securing sewerage for the center of the Town, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 42. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate sixty-five dollars, or a sufficient sum to purchase an apparatus for spraying trees, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 43. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate to widen and deepen the open drain from the easterly end of King Street to Woburn Street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 44. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to build an inlet in the ditch on both sides of Green St. and pipe said ditch from the southerly side of said Green St. to Mr. D. F. Whelton's stable, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 45. To see if the Town will purchase land for a Public Playground, and how much money they will raise and appropriate therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 46. To see if the Town will take any action in relation to the observance of Old Home Week during the current year, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 47. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-four hundred dollars for the maintenance of the Police

Department for the year ensuing, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 48. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint a day patrolman, or what action they will take in relation thereto.

Art. 49. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant licenses for the collection and sale of old junk and paper stock, or that they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 50. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twelve hundred dollars for the purpose of employing as Superintendent of Schools one who shall devote all his time to the schools of Reading, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 51. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to appoint an Inspector of Milk, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 52. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 103 of the Revised Laws in regard to the supervision of plumbing, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 53. To see if the Town will appoint a committee to investigate and report whether the cost of maintaining the Town Home can be reduced, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 54. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen on the laying out of the extension of Prospect St. from Scotland Road to Oak St., and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for that purpose.

Art. 55. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen on the laying out of Sigsbee Ave. from Howard St. to Scotland Road, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five dollars for that purpose.

Art. 56. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen in relation to guide posts, and to determine if the Town will raise and

appropriate the sum of thirty dollars for the repair of the same.

Art. 57. To see if the Town will revise and accept the list of names of jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this tenth day of February, A. D. 1903.

GEO. A. SHACKFORD,
WM. I. RUGGLES,
JOHN F. TURNER,
Selectmen of Reading.

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